

Here is the start of your Club History.

It will come to you weekly with your "Spokesman" as a few pages, which are punched to fit a letter-size three-ring binder (for your filing should you wish to keep them), and it will be quite informal.

It will not be a narrative dating from 1921 to 1954. The proposal is to publish short items of news-value taken at random, rather than a collection of dry facts. The history of any club is the story of those who peopled it. We shall aim to keep it lively and interesting.

Rotary in its Golden Jubilee Year has asked that each Club publish a History, and President Tommy has in turn passed the order on to the Archivist, and here we are.

Buster Brown was really the first in the Club to realize that it was making history. Buster kept bulletins, clippings, and minutes during his three years of secretaryship 1928-30, and then kept on with his file of "Spokesmen" and clippings and other material till 1946 when the need vanished.

It was in fact Buster's insistence that something should be done about recording the story of the Club that led to Charlie Hunt's Club History being published in 1937. Incidentally Charlie has also written the necessary supplements to bring it up to 1946.

Charlie's History which has long since gone out of print was a remarkably fine job. Even with Buster's collection it had to be written largely from memory. In it Charlie has preserved much that had been forgotten by all but himself and much material previously unknown, and the History will always be used as the basis for subsequent Club histories. Out of the whole Club probably only Charlie could have done as well.

However in our Silver Jubilee Year of 1946 a determined effort was made to mark the occasion to build up the archives and close the yawning gaps before it was too late. Experience with the archives of the "Bulldozers" Group and its "Rooters" predecessors from 1926 proved what could be done, and had pioneered in methods and sources needed to dig up necessary information out of the past.

With the help of the older members of the Club, who ransacked their cupboards and files, it was only a brief time before the Club had such a stock of information and records that there must be few clubs so well blessed. However good care is being taken to see that no such situation ever can exist again. It is all very tidy, and has to a very large extent been subsequently cross-checked with the daily press and other publications, so that nothing has been left to the mercy of memory or hearsay.

With the exception of one so-far incomplete year, we are fortunate in having the Rollcall for every meeting since the start of the Club in 1921. We have the Biographies, in most cases complete with pictures, of all members, past and present. We have an almost complete list of all luncheon Speakers with their topics and in many cases of importance the verbatim Addresses. In addition there is a Register of almost everything that can be recorded in connection with Membership down to Classifications and Attendances at Conferences etc. There is even District and International information of considerable interest.

Crippled and underprivileged children's work has always been among the principal activities of the St. John's Club.

First activities of the Club were the Boys Christmas Dinner for the crippled and underprivileged, the Playgrounds, and the Boy-Life Survey (which sent every Notarian knocking at every door in the city). There was also the first series of Crippled and Invalid Children's Outings. The results of the survey also started the agitation for a Children's Hospital in which the moving spirit was Charter-Member (and later President) Angus Reid. This later came the starting of the second series of Picnics, the Dr. Tom Aaker Clinics, and various other children's activities by the Club, the Groups, and sponsored agencies.

At the start of his year 1935-36 President Dave Thistle highlighted the appeal of the Prince of Wales (Edward) for a special effort all over the Empire for the welfare of youth. The advice of Dr. Tom Aaker, the Boys Work Committee, and especially the "Husky Boys" Group was sought. The unanimous answer was that the most good could come from a Sunshine Camp for Crippled and Border-line boys and girls. The "Husky Boys" worked out most painstakingly an excellent scheme, taking full advantage of professional and experienced counsel. This was duly presented to the Club on May 18th. 1936 and unanimously adopted.

HEALTH SURVEY

Actually the need for crippled and invalid children's work was wellknown to the Club, but especially to the "Husky Boys". This Group had completed in January 1935 their great National Health Survey. By personally contacting all doctors, nurses, teachers, clergymen, magistrates and justice of the peace all over the Island and Labrador, with otherwise prominent citizens also being written, an exhaustive Health Survey was compiled. Each Group Member had a section of the country to handle, and each did a first-class job. So excellent was the Survey and so well presented that it was immediately adopted as official by the Dominions Office in London, and upon it was based the noted Health and Welfare Programme of Newfoundland. Not only the Sunshine Camp was influenced by the knowledge gained from this Survey; but it also led directly to the formation after many heartbreaking delays of the Tuberculosis Association.

THE OUTINGS

Another feature which made the Sunshine Camp so timely was the fact that the second series of Picnics, which had been started in 1931 for Crippled and Underprivileged Children, had proven so popular that they had become unmanageable.

1500 youngsters invaded the grounds at Mount Pearl in 1935. In some miraculous manner they were all fed, entertained, and given prizes, reminiscent of the parable of the loaves and fishes. But it was plain that the experience could not be repeated. For what was planned as the final outing, during the following summer during which the Sunshine Camp was being constructed, the site chosen was Octagon Pond, 9 miles away. Even there by some means 350 turned up. These events were outstanding, and they deserve and will receive special mention later on in the history.

The "Husky Boys" Group undertook the drawing up of the scheme for the camp. The winter of 1935-36 was spent in earnest investigation and consultation. Experienced expert assistance was called in, notable among which was that of Dr. Jim McGrath of the Department of Health (briefly some years later a member of the club).

Perhaps at this point it would be well to record the "Husky Boys" of that time, who so diligently had made the Health Survey and were working on the prospectus for the building and operation of the camp.

THE "HUSKY BOYS" 1934-36

"Chief" Hutchings	"Senator" Milley	Sir John Bennett	Bob Quarton
Cyril Duley	Wallace Goobie	Hazen Russell	(US Consul)
Darroch Macgillivray	Albert Hickman	Mak Baird	
Jimmy MacIntyre	Will Comerford	Captain Olaf Olsen	

Bob Watson (CIL) and Bill Watson (G/E) left Dec/31/35.
 Billy Allan (later to be such a tower of strength in all things Rotary) joined the Club on May 14/36.

PLAN APPROVED

On May 18th. 1936, the Sunshine Camp Plan was enthusiastically approved by the Club. It was thoroughly backed by every member. While it was the "baby" of the "Husky Boys", every group and every member, aided by enthusiasts from outside the club, proved themselves solidly behind the project.

It should be borne in mind as background that times were still depressed, and that this was no small undertaking. That it was so successfully accomplished reflected credit in the very highest degree on the whole club.

Events moved swiftly. The Lord Morris property at Hogan's Pond was acquired very reasonably. Charlie Hunt as Executor of the Estate expedited the transfer. Sir Edward Emerson as Commissioner for Justice put through legislation giving the Camp control of the river on which the pool was to be constructed (one of the very few cases in Newfoundland).

Plans were drawn by "Chief" Hutchings himself and contracts let. At the same time the drive for funds and donation of materials was on. At the centre of all this was the "Chief" - who has well been named the "Father of the Sunshine Camp" - ably assisted by Joe Cocker, and the responsibilities assumed by this pair of active devoted workers at the start and down through the years cannot be too greatly appreciated. At this period Acting-President Ernest Watson was also of greatest assistance.

Members will remember the spontaneous celebration of the "Charlie and Maud Hutchings Golden Wedding Luncheon" in 1943 when both were paid warm tribute by the Club.

FINANCES

Money came in rapidly though it had to be pursued diligently. The first thousand dollars of public money was personally brought in by Thorburn MacNab who was chairman of the Finance committee. "T.A.'s" death in 1938 lost the children of St. John's a very warm and indefatigable worker. "Chief" Hutchings brought in his own full quota of donations of cash, materials, equipment, and services.

The Club itself gave \$1,250 (\$1,000 being from the inoperative "Social Survey" - a project on which we shall touch later). For the following decade the Club gave \$250 annually. \$7,000 in cash, plus many gifts in kind, was originally raised.

CORNERSTONE LAID

Public support and vigorous committee action brought the building and its surroundings to a stage where the cornerstone (itself a gift) could be laid on September 16, 1936. The laying was done by Governor Walwyn, assisted by Lady Walwyn, in the presence of District-Governor George Spencer of Moncton, and his wife, Ethel Nugent Spencer, equally noted for her community good-works. Vice-President Ernest Watson presided, in the absence of President Reuben Horwood, who was in hospital in Montreal. There was a most impressive gathering of dignitaries, citizens, and club members to honor the occasion, and photographs are really historic.

On June 16, of the following year, 1937, the camp began full operation. Lady Walwyn was on hand for the occasion, and launched the undertaking, which has gone on so successfully ever since, with its quota of 180 children each season in groups of 30, boys and girls alternating. The expansion this year of 1954 to double the operation in time, and to undertake polio rehabilitation, is a development which gives us all a great measure of satisfaction.

GROUP SUPPORT

Right from the start the Groups took a very personal interest in the Camp, showing their support in most timely and practical ways. The "Bulldozers" under Ches Pippy lived up to their name by doing the original clearing of the site for the buildings and the playground. They have one of the many fine pictures of camp activities taken by George Williams to show for their effort. The playground was completed through the aid of a large donation by Rotary-ann Jean Clouston in memory of Walter. The "Originals" planted fine trees as memorials to Will Herder, Charlie Howlett, and Rotary-ann Lou Wyatt. Other Groups made similar gifts. Those of the "Rusky Boys" again deserve special mention:

The fine swimming pool was built in memory of another wonderful friend of all children, "Senator" Milley, and the pathway leading to it in memory of Sir John Bennett. Both sets of gates to the Camp were erected to memorialize "Chief" Hutchings and Will Comerford. Outstanding, of course, was the gift by his family of the Hickman Wing for Crippled Children in memory of Albert Hickman. The interest has been carried along by Edgar, notably by gifts of a car each year to the Radio Auction. Will Comerford, great friend and worker, left a legacy to the camp, and other donations and acts of help have always been numerous.

The willing kindness and assistance of the Department of Health and Welfare at the start, and ever since, should always be recognized. They have always been most generous with equipment and services.

RADIO AUCTION

Main, and most popular, support of the camp comes through the annual spring radio auction. It has never failed, starting with \$1,800, then \$3,500 average (excellent for those days), rising to \$14,000 of today, the latter era being ushered in under Charlie Bell's chairmanship. Originators were headed by Dave Thistle and Don Clouston, with such stalwart heads of committees as Max Barbour, Jack Lacey, and Cyril Duley.

From the start financial success was assured by help like Bob Murphy's, whose goodness furnishes still free telephone service, and, when he owned VONF, provided free radio service. The neighboring T.A. rooms were also furnished without charge. In latter years radio station VOGM has provided the rooms, and made a very reduced charge for radio service. Other assistance, including that of Groups, Members, and friends outside the Club, is too numerous to attempt to mention.

One item however deserves special recording, and that is the special appeal by Joe Cocker each year for \$100 a bed for 10 beds for his crippled "Tiny Tims". The amount is always over-subscribed and has been the means of setting up a growing endowment fund of over \$7,000.

CHRISTMAS SEALS

Of more than passing interest is the fact that a proposal to use Christmas Seals as the foundation for financing the Camp was made. Today Christmas Seals furnish most of the \$14,000 budget of the TB Association. The "Liontamers" Group did considerable research along these lines; but finally restrictions placed by the authorities of the day killed the project. Next year the "Liontamers" revived the Christmas Seal proposal, this time for their work at the Sanitorium, but it met the same fate.

Incorporation of the Sunshine Camp in 1937 led to the election of its first Council. This furnishes the key to the names of those who were connected with the initial operation, some of whom it will be observed are still going strong:

President: "Chief" Hatchings	Grounds	: Joe Cocker
1st. VP : Dave Thistle	Finance	: Thorburn MacNab
2nd. VP : Will Comerford	V.Chair	: Cal Pratt
Secretary: Buster Brown	Publicity	: Jack Lacey
Treasurer: Win Williamson	Transportation:	Frank O'Leary
House : Jimmy MacIntyre		

Unfortunately the earlier committees are not named. However, in addition to the Council above, we should definitely remember active workers like Cyril Duley (coordinating chairman), Darroch Macgillivray (club secretary), Ernest Watson (club acting-president), Max Barbour (treasurer), Wallace Goobie, Albert Hickman, Will Morris, Ches Pippy, Bob Murphy, George Williams, and Walter Clouston and many others. In whipping up public interest and support, others lent a good hand like Vince Burke and Mayor Andy Carnell (though never an actual Rotarian, Andy was a tremendous help in getting everyone behind the movement). We should again remember the continued assistance of Dr. Jim McGrath.

Actually a list of acknowledgement to those who helped in those early years in the construction, operation, and auction, would go on to cover the whole membership. The entire setup has been an effort reflecting greatest possible credit on all concerned.

1954 DEVELOPMENTS

Starting in 1949 the club's Youth Service Committee kept in close touch with the Department of Health authorities, and the Crippled Children's work of the Maritime Rotary Clubs. This was in the realization that in the foreseeable future the Club would be called upon to go into the broad field of countrywide Crippled Children's Work.

At that period the Sunshine Camp was not part of the picture. However the sudden epidemic of Polio in 1953 changed everything. Request was made for the help of the Club and the Sunshine Camp. The wisdom of the previous contacts was justified, and in short order Keith Armstrong of the Canadian Council for Crippled Children and Alec Solomon of the Polio Foundation visited here in January 1954.

The Sunshine Camp Association had already decided to concentrate on Crippled Children and were glad to fall in line. A new islandwide setup was formed with Herb Wyatt and others of the Council at the head, reserves were channeled into reconstruction, and the Camp began another stage of its most useful life.

In President Jack Angel's year, in November 1949, George Pipher, Secretary of the Canadian Cancer Society, came to Newfoundland with a letter of introduction to Reg Miller. Reg was away, but his staff directed the introduction to Rotary. He was also wellknown to Dr. Bliss Murphy, whose energy and experience has had a great deal to do with the subsequent formation and success of the society here.

After outlining to Jack and Bliss his purpose to form a Newfoundland Branch, he was invited to a meeting of the club directors. The proposition was at once favorably entertained. A subsequent meeting of members of the medical profession was called by Bliss with the same result, and a club committee was formed to have Dr. O. H. Warwick address the club, and to make subsequent arrangements for the formation and operation of the Newfoundland Society.

Of the club committee, Angus Reid was later to become president, Paddy Halley vice-president, Jack Angel secretary, Reg Miller treasurer, and Jimmy Alderdice, Ron Ayre, Walter Rendell, and Tommy Dalton Rotary-directors.

From the start Cancer proved a most popular appeal. Jack Angel ran the secretaryship initially, to be succeeded by a lady secretary, and finally by Hedley King, who was appointed with the consent of his former employer, the TB Association.

A most important part of the Cancer Programme, apart from the educational and other features, was the Cancer Survey of Newfoundland. This was made in 1952 for the Branch by the Canadian Cancer Society. The survey was carefully and thoroughly completed by Dr. Warwick, himself, as Director of the Canadian Cancer Society, and the Canadian Cancer Institute (the medical organization), and by Dr. Evelyn Trapp (also highly qualified and a past-president of the British Columbia Branch). The survey therefore had the highest possible standing.

The plan of the Newfoundland Society, and that of the Newfoundland Government itself, is directly based on the findings of this survey and the recommendations therefrom. The plans are steadily and most satisfactorily being implemented. Cancer facilities in Newfoundland may be said to be well advanced. control

The Society has a very wide and active programme, and its annual budget is over \$35,000. Throughout the whole of Canada the Newfoundland Branch is noted for its unique system of bursaries given to train doctors in cancer technique. In fact the sole resolution passed at the recent convention in Vancouver of the national directors and grand councillors (attended by Jack Angel and Bliss Murphy) was one complimenting Newfoundland on its programme in this regard.

The public support and steady good work of the Cancer Society has given the Club a great deal of quiet satisfaction, and much credit goes to the little band of very busy men who have made it such a success.

The roots of the TB Association go back a long way. In fact its culmination in 1944, was a monument to the tenacity and determination of this Rotary Club.

In the background is to be remembered the original "Association for the Prevention of Consumption", which did good work from its formation in 1906 till the start of the present Sanatorium in 1917, eleven years afterwards. Honorable John Harvey was the president, Claude Noonan secretary.

The original association brought in Dr. Wakefield. (Incidentally, the first TB testing of cattle was done by him). Dr. Wakefield was succeeded by Dr. Herbert Rendell. The country will always remember the lifetime devotion of Dr. Rendell, assisted by Nurse Campbell, at the Mundy Pond Camps, at the San, and around the island in his yacht. Also will be recollected the Jensen Camp and Escasoni Home, both for veterans of World War I.

As far as Rotary is concerned, its close connection with TB work probably started in 1930, with the initial activity of the "Liontamers" at the San. They have been doing their magnificent work for patients there ever since. In 1948 they were joined by the "Naturals" Group which took over one section (also as their first Group activity).

The first official move by Rotary towards the present TB association, as such, came following the revelations of the "National Health Survey" conducted by the "Husky Boys" Group in 1934-5. There were estimated to be over 15,000 cases of TB, with the situation in many areas ready to become of almost epidemic proportions. But much work by many hands had to be done before the association was to a reality some ten years later.

Significant milestones standing in Rotary Records are such as the address to the club by Dr. Jim McGrath on January 29, 1941, arranged by the "Husky Boys". It is fitting at this point to record the gratitude of the Club for the great interest and assistance of Dr. Len Miller and Dr. Jim McGrath down through the whole procedure and operation, not only of TB but of all health activities sponsored by Rotary. Newfoundland is signally fortunate in the personnel of its Health Department.

Next date would be President Billy Allan's authorization by the Directors on February 26, 1942 formally to request the Government to establish a TB association which Rotary would be prepared under suitable conditions to sponsor. The request was to be repeated consistently all through the succeeding presidencies of Jim Ewing and Boyd Baird, and only to be satisfactorily answered during that of Gordon Higgins.

Then on February 20, 1943, was to come the memorable address of Ted Meaney. Ted was an ex-patient of the San, a journalist, editor of the "Happy Warrior", and a great advocate of a TB association of citizens. Following the address, a plan for an association was developed by Jim Ewing, assisted by Ted's practical advice, was circulated to the Groups, approved, and presented to (Sir) John Puddester, Commissioner for Health and Welfare. At this time, Dr. Harris Mosdell, Secretary of the Department, was himself a member of the Club and of the "Kill Kare Krowd" Group of Jim's.

In the thinking of the Government on the matter, there were two points in which the Club found itself in complete disagreement. To Rotary minds they would cramp initiative and independence, and would kill public support. First, the Government wanted a general health league, whereas the Club preferred to concentrate on the huge job of TB, feeling sure it would spread itself otherwise much too thinly, and also dissipate the appeal by making it too general. Secondly, the Authorities' proposal was that the financing would be entirely via the Department, and the Club would be merely the agency of the government for the purpose.

And stranded high and dry between these two immovable rocks the whole project remained till October 1944 when headquarters of the National TB Association in New York was visited by Dr. E. J. ...

In October 1944, during a visit to New York, Dr. Jim McGrath dropped in to talk over matters with the National TB Association. They were sympathetic, full of wise counsel, and prepared to send Miss Frances Brophy and (later) James G. Stone at their own expense. This offer was gratefully accepted on all sides. A new era dawned.

Miss Frances Brophy, as Christmas Seal Consultant, arrived on October 30, 1944, speaking to the Club on October 31, and holding meetings with the Directors, Group representatives, and a special campaign-committee. The Christmas Seal campaign was launched at the club luncheon of November 2, and the formation of the TB Association approved. Incorporation of the new Association was left till the arrival of Programme Director James Stone, who addressed the Club including a large guest list on June 14. Signatures on the documents were, in order, Jim Ewing, Boyd Baird, and Gordon Higgins.

The original committees were made up of Gordon Higgins, Frank O'Leary, Jim Ewing, Billy Allan, Boyd Baird, Ken Russell (to be succeeded by his replacement Army Ormiston), Hazen and Herb Russell, Paddy Halley, Herb Wyatt, Ron Ayre, and others. Outside the Club, people like Gerald Doyle, Herbert Brookes, and ladies like Mrs. Ches Crosbie and others, readily headed Christmas Seal committees. The entire membership, many Rotaryans, and friends pitched in to make the initial Christmas Seal the huge success it was - beyond all expectations - nearly \$30,000 raised by Seals and companion efforts. Then it was followed by a donation of \$10,000 from Canteen Funds by the Royal Canadian Navy. Next year the sale was to go over \$50,000, making nearly \$100,000 for the two years. The third Christmas Seal Sale went to \$70,000. The association budget today is \$114,000, and in connection with funds, tribute must be paid to the US Armed Forces for their splendid support every year.

The Association was very fortunate in having Gordon Higgins as its first president - so much did he put into the effort which was very near and dear to his heart. He was followed by Frank O'Leary, who had done such a splendid job of organizing the whole country. Then came Billy Allan under whose presidency the association had been projected, and who had largely been responsible for much of the financial success. Following his untimely passing, the association has been most fortunate to have pioneer Jim Ewing.

Equally well has it been served by its secretaries. Ted Meaney devoted himself to the movement, and it was the effort he unselfishly expended that led to his giving his life to ^{the} cause. He was first secretary. On November 15, 1945 he gave an important address to the Club, leading off the second Seal Sale, although he was far from well at the time. He went to bed immediately after, and, although every effort was made to save his life, including flying him to Boston by the US Navy, he never recovered. His successor, executive-secretary Walter Davis, took over in February 1946. Much of the phenomenal progress may be ascribed directly to the efforts and wholehearted devotion of this Rotarian's determination to win the fight against the dread destroyer.

Some measure of that triumph (from which there should be no intention of taking away credit from the splendid work, facilities, and co-operation from the executive, doctors, superintendents, and other staff of the Department of Health, Units, and Sanatoriums) is indicated by the fact that the 1944 death rate of 158 when the Association started, is in 1953 down to 28.

The Association was also fortunate in acquiring in July 1952 the services of Rotarian Edgar House as Director of Rehabilitation. Splendid results show in this field from his long experience as an educator. There is no space in such an article as this to even outline the work of the floating clinic "Christmas Seal", the Railway Car and the Bus, which have made possible the X/Raying of 300,000 Newfoundlanders, the West Coast setup, the 1,000 patients and ex-patients receiving rehabilitation training, the BCG inoculation and constant educational propaganda. Sufficient to say that had Rotary in this country done nothing else but sponsor and foster the TB Association it would still have justified its 33 years of existence.

In response to your request for information, this is a broad picture of the Fireside Service-Group System.

Since 1926 there has existed a unique system of Fireside Service-Groups in the Rotary Club of St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada.

The Newfoundland Groups are probably without exact parallel in Rotary, in that they are permanent, and because their programs embrace the four avenues of Rotary Service.

Their origin is interesting. For its year of 1926-27, Rotary International set up a Rotary-Education "School-Course" for all its Clubs. The Course was very comprehensive, and because of this it was recommended that the program be spread over four two-hour regular meetings, which for the purpose should be held at night.

Heartily approving of the Course, St. John's current Education Chairman, Past-President Charles E. Hunt, QC. BBE., (later International Director and Committeeman, and perennial District Conference Speaker) conceived a plan for studying the material more thoroughly and gradually. This was by means of dividing the Club into neighborhood Groups, and every second week during the winter season have each Group rotate from fireside to fireside of its members in turn and discuss the Course and Rotary in general.

Mixing work and quiet enjoyment in equal portions, (the formula found to be the secret of their successful existence), the Groups have never since broken up. They have increased in size to an average of sixteen members, and the "neighborhood" idea was abandoned as they became "permanent", and winter transportation improved so as to be no barrier. Additional Groups have been formed in the twenty-seven subsequent years as the Club has grown, and the work has expanded from the original educational discussions to embrace all four avenues of Rotary Service, the same as the Club itself. It is to be emphasized that it has been their Service-Work which has been the bond that has held all Groups together. No Group could usefully exist without it.

There is an important distinction between Group Work and Club Work. In Community Service the Group confines itself to the jobs which would be too small for the larger Club. The Group fits the job where mainly personal service and little money is required. The large Club cannot perform these usual Group activities well, nor can the Group take on activities which are suitable in size and scope for a Club.

To illustrate, the St. John's Club of 132 active members in 1951-54 operates with a budget of some \$250,000 for its sponsored movements:- TB Association \$100,000; Cancer Society \$35,000; Cripple-Polio-Sunshine Camp Society \$100,000; Victorian Order of Nurses \$5,000; Playgrounds \$8,000; Community Concerts \$9,000; and a large number of other projects ranging from Air Cadets and Christmas Hampers to Student Loans. The Club also spearheaded a successful million-dollar drive for a community ice-stadium during the past two years. Obviously these Club projects would mostly be beyond the scope of a Group, although the Groups do assist them in many ways.

In addition the Club has a full-scale Club-Service program of some note, and a modified Vocational-Service one. Its International program is also an extensive one because St. John's is an international fishing, mercantile, and air port. Additionally the United States Armed Force Bases in and around it provide the Club with much regular guest-material at all luncheons, and in all these fields the Groups help out.

In contrast to the large-scale efforts of the Club, the Groups concentrate and specialize in work in hospitals and institutions. Almost every hospital and institution in the capital city of St. John's with its population of some 70,000 people is "looked after" by one of the eight Rotary Groups.

The work varies from institution to institution. However it always entails personal service to individuals, including the celebrations at Christmas-time. While most Groups run regular movies and shows and other entertainment for the patients, the Christmas entertainments, the Trees, Santa Claus with his token presents to everyone and the specials to a few, are known and looked forward to all over the town. In the larger hospitals the events are broadcast, and are listened to by a large audience. During the programs patients and nurses who are away from home-firesides speak messages to their loved ones.

Beside institutional work the Groups all have their private bits of service, performed quietly and where possible anonymously. Other activities of the Groups run all the way from Army Cadets and other Boys and Girls Work to doing Club jobs. The Club's Air Cadet Squadron is run by one Group, its Boys' & Girls' Public-Speaking Contests by another, its Youth Service Committee is composed of a Group, and all Groups help out with the Sunshine Camp and its Radio Auction, the Christmas Hampers, and all contribute to the Student Loan Fund and other Club activities.

Some idea of these Community-Services performed by the Groups may be given by the fact that it is estimated their total budgets stand close to \$10,000 a year. This staggering amount does not however rest heavily on the individual as might be thought. Any member's contribution is limited to his dollar fee at the fourteen or fifteen meetings of the season. Extra funds over the \$250 from fees is earned by running canteens in the institutions they serve, by coin-operated vending-machines at various locations, and by all the usual concerts, cardparties, dances, fashion shows, rummage sales, and so on used everywhere to raise a dollar without too much trouble and have fun doing so.

An interesting out of the ordinary activity by one of the Groups shaped Newfoundland History in 1934 and 1935. This was a complete Health Survey of the Island which proved so accurate that it was adopted by the Dominions Office in London as official. It was used as the basis for the extensive Newfoundland Health and Welfare Program which is known worldwide for its excellence and advanced ideas. A further recent survey of charitable organizations has again been accepted as official from the Group, request having been made for it by the Government.

So much for the Groups' Community Service. But because of its importance, equal notice should be drawn to the Club-Service performed, helping the Club-Service program of the St. John's Club to be outstanding.

The Program, Fellowship, Public Relations Committees are taken over by the Groups in rotation in friendly rivalry. They sell tickets, take their part in drives, organize and take part in Club functions and activities, and check on attendance at them. For years they have been running a contest between themselves as to best attendance at Club Luncheons.

The Groups show a keen interest in everything to do with Club affairs, activities, and policy. This has led to the practice of the Directors' referring to the Groups all questions of moment for their discussion and recommendations. While not carrying any authority, such opinions, which are formed in the privacy of Group meetings, are regarded as more nearly representing the thinking of the membership than could be any discussions in the haste of a large luncheon meeting.

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The effect of this has been that business topics rarely need to be brought up before luncheon meetings. The advantage is that Club problems and differences do not need to be aired before guests of members. Except in emergencies business decisions in the St. John's Club are effectively handled through the Groups and during Club Assemblies.

In the useful suggestions constantly coming from the Groups are many on Club policy and on possible Club activities. In fact many of the community projects which are strongest today in the Club program, originated and were developed by the Groups for the Club.

The Group System has several great natural advantages. Through the years there builds up a strong bond of fellowship and friendship between all members of a Group. It has been found that there comes out of this no tendency to clique or sit together at luncheon. This might be feared, but the mixing brought about by the other Club activities obviates it.

Another great asset is the loyalty, tradition, and pride of each Group in itself. So is the keen rivalry between the Groups. All this ensures that when a Group takes on a job it will be performed in a manner consistent with the reputation it feels it must uphold.

In the Rotary setup, the Groups operate on an entirely voluntary basis. No Bylaw requires any member to join. But so much is membership valued that no one stays outside. In fact Group Membership is valued as highly as Club Membership, and were Rotary for some reason to cease, undoubtedly some manner would be found in which to carry on the Groups.

The Club exercises no control over the Groups. This is a good thing, because it preserves their vigorous individuality. They are entirely informal in their organization, and have no known constitutions or bylaws. The Groups however do conform to certain natural patterns. The meetings for instance do business to suppertime, and relax thereafter, also the offices of Captain, and whatever other posts the Group has, rotate every year through the Group.

In practice the Vice-President of the Club acts as liaison-officer, and sees that members entering the Club land up in Groups in which they have special friends and which do work that they are interested in. This is accomplished by consultation with the new member, his proposer, Group requests for him, and the needs of the Groups in general. He is thus happily placed for the balance of his Club-life.

Actually the only standing admonition from the Club to the Groups is that they must observe Rotary principles and practices, and that they must not get embroiled with the Authorities or the Public. It is also recognized that what makes for a happy Group is a good busy program that is still not onerous or costly.

The advantage of the Group System is that it ensures four things for the Club. First of all there can be no "riders" - inactive members doing nothing for Rotary. Secondly it provides against a Club becoming "too big" and no one really knowing anyone else. The Group preserves the happy teamwork of the smaller Club. Thirdly it creates personal service. It prevents the Club becoming a money-raising organization, with its function and that of its members sinking to check-book charity, and the terms "Service" and "Money" becoming synonymous in it. Lastly it quickly develops new members into "Rotarians" - which after all is the main object of our existence.

And what of the future of the Group System? St. John's Rotarians have reason to believe that as long as their Groups continue their present tried and true lines they can go on happily and usefully for ever.

It only means the exercise of commonsense, the ordinary precautions that go with any Club itself. Programs must be kept fresh and interesting, activity must be inclusive and on a personal basis, offices must be rotated every year, new blood must be constantly infused, and money must be earned, not contributed.

And now, why do not other Clubs adopt the Group System? Frankly, the St. John's Club does not know that answer. One man's meat may be another man's poison. Perhaps the fireside hospitality exists to a peculiarly high degree in Newfoundland.

Size would seem to have little to do with it. The dozen-member unit worked well in the early years. The System worked as well in 1926 when the Club had fifty-two members as it does today with 132. In large metropolitan areas where homes are so widely separated, exactly the same system would be impossible, but the original "neighborhood" idea could be revived successfully. However for others it should be just as successfully workable as in St. John's, in total.

Should anyone wish to try, fuller information about any details desired can be readily obtained from the Club. Address the Archivist (and President 1953-54) Arthur Johnson, POB E5103, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada.

(This is the circular used during 1953-54
to reply to enquiries which are received
about our Group System)

Most articles and addresses on the history of the Playgrounds movement do not check as to the early dates and operation.

It was in June 1923 that the Rotary Club cabled off its order to rush \$1,300.00 worth of playground equipment for Bannerman and Victoria Parks. This was duly received and operated. On August 14, 1923, in an official ceremony at Rotary luncheon, the title to the equipment was officially passed to the Mayor and Councillors who were special guests of the day.

The Club operated the playgrounds the following season, 1924, with the addition of a second lot of equipment, and the bringing down of Richmond S. Barton of Columbia University as organizer. Barton was obtained through the good offices of Vince Burke, and was here for the 1924, '25, and '26 seasons. Cost of the equipment and operation, amounting to some \$2,500 or more for 1924, was covered by the Club by a \$10 assessment, and by private subscription.

In October 1924, after the completion of the second season of operation, the Club formed the public "Playground and Recreation Association".

BOYS WORK

While the Playgrounds have commonly been called the Club's "first baby", this is not quite technically correct. While it was the major of the early efforts, it was only part of the activities which won the trust and esteem of the community - something Rotary in St. John's has always been so fortunate as to retain in full measure.

Like all early Rotary, our club concentrated on boys-work. Not in fact till the depths of the depression in the "thirties" did we move to any great degree out of the field of youth-service into that for the whole family.

Right from its opening week in November 1921, the club began organizing its first Christmas Dinner and Entertainment for poor boys (nominally to the number of 100, but there was no boy left outside on the sidewalk! This was to be the first of ten, until they were replaced by the Christmas Family Hampers which have run on to today. These Boys Dinners were banner events, and we shall have to mention them in more detail later.

The background of the Playgrounds was the Survey of Boy Life of St. John's undertaken by the whole club. According to careful plan developed during the spring of 1922, each member took a section of the city, and on October 23, 1922, there began the job of knocking at every door in St. John's. We still have cross-sections of the elaborate survey - sufficient to say the shocking state revealed helped Vince Burke convince the club it should unhesitatingly undertake the considerable expenditure for playgrounds equipment and operation.

The boys-work programme took many other forms. On April 30, 1922, began the first annual "Boys Week". These early campaigns enlisted the aid of the churches, schools, press, movies, and other media, including parades and other programmes, to demonstrate the size and importance of the youth population. August 8, 1922, saw the start of the first series of crippled children's picnics. In September there was the initial campaign "Back to School" (no compulsory schooling till 1942).

Christmas saw the second Boys Dinner with another 100% attendance by members. The start of May 1923 came the second "Boys Week", and on May 23, 1923, the Club moved to begin its playgrounds work. The luncheon of that week was moved to the King George V Seaman's Institute for the accommodation needed for the occasion. Principal speaker was the Very Reverend Monsignor McDermott, and the club officially and unanimously adopted the project.

THE FIRST COMMITTEES AND WORKERS

We have no actual record of the names of the workers in connection with the playgrounds, except that a number are noted from time to time as connected with the boys-work in general. We do know that the whole club was immersed in the effort - so much so that the highly-successful outings of 1922, '23, and '24 had to be abandoned for that reason in 1925. It is certain that every member took a hand; but specially prominent we believe must have been members like:

Vince Burke (the "Father of the Playgrounds"), Tim Mitchell, Charlie Hunt, Tim Hartnett, Dave Baird, Cyril Duley, Reuben Horwood, Jack Meahan, Will Morris, Bertie Gardner, Harry Cowan, Harold Macpherson, (Sir) John Bennett, Jimmy McKay, Jimmy Mac Kenzie, Ernest Watson, Angus Reid, Jim Ayre, "Senator" Milley, Fred Angel, Gerald and Reg Harvey, "Chief" Hutchings, Joe Cocker, Albert Hickman, Bob Murphy, Peter O'Mara, (Sir) Tasker Cook, Arch Mann, Herb Russell, Charlie Howlett, Gus Lester, Frank Bradshaw, Walter Clouston, Arthur Mews, George Kearney, Charlie Hutton, Will Tucker, Will Barker, Bill Neal, Cappy Stuart, and Artie Williams. All these are mentioned.

Shortly after we see subsequent members appearing like Buster Brown, Harry Wyatt, Will Comerford, John Young, Jim Chalker, George Williams, Rob Ritey, Frank O'Leary, Max Harbour, Jim Crawford, George Nightingale, Fred Cheaman, Thorburn MacNab, Clary Hubley, Major Ingpen, Peter Duff, Tommy Tomlinson, Ken Ross, Mac McCarter, Art Roblin, Jim Steinhauer, and in big skips down to recent and present day names like Charlie Innes, and to those of the present roster headed by Geoff Carnell, Chief Strange, and the rest. The Club pitched in for the various 1923 to 1932 drives, especially the two Rennie's pools campaigns, the movie shows, the "100%" drives, and other special efforts.

First authoritative list comes with the formation of the Playgrounds Association in October 1924. The first executive contained these Rotarians: Vince Burke president, Neddy Outerbridge secretary-treasurer and main spring right through to today, though now titled honorary-life-president, (Neddy became a club member the following year for two periods), Cyril Duley, Tim Hartnett, Reuben Horwood (chairman of the meeting), Charlie Hunt, Jack Meahan, Harold Mitchell and Ron Ayre (both to become Rotarians later). Other members were two vice-presidents George Peters and Cyril Cahill, Edgar Bowring Jr., Dr. Will Roberts, Dr. John Grieve, and John O'Toole.

Second list comes from Playgrounds-president Jim Chalker in 1939 when he singled out for special mention for outstanding service during the years: Vince Burke, Tim Hartnett, Reuben Horwood, Will Herder, Cyril Duley, Tony Tooton, Ralph Herder, Gordon Higgins, Jim Steinhauer, and Mak Baird (but there were others not in the records also deserving very special thanks). Also is the fact that Jim's list only covers the first fifteen years, and we have no such notation for the ensuing fifteen. However some names do come up through Rotary's major pieces of assistance about which we do have some information.

As a sponsored movement the Playgrounds have not been as close to Rotary as some of the others, which is one of the reasons for the gaps in the records. At times liaison was very close, at other periods there were few if any Rotarians on the directorate, and in recent years about half the executive is composed of club members nominated by Rotary.

In latter years the playgrounds work has vastly expanded. It not only functions as a playground, but does the valuable work of maintaining children's and juvenile soft-ball for boys and girls, junior baseball, and now "Little League" baseball. Its budget is some \$8,000 a year. Apart from the faithful 350 subscribers which have been with it since Rotary days, and the grant from the City Council, the Association has been only able to support itself during the last decade by an annual "Bingo". Should this fail, the movement would also fail, unless the City and-or the Service Clubs, especially Rotary which founded it, ~~would~~ would come up with an additional \$4,000 a year.

DRIVES FOR FUNDS

Actually, although many of us feel we should be doing more than we have in recent years, Rotary contributions through the years in cash and effort to the Playgrounds have not been inconsiderable. The records seem to indicate annual drives sponsored mostly by Rotarians from the start in 1923 to 1932. The average result seems to have run around \$500, and up to \$5,000 for the Rennie's River Pools, and there were a number of special efforts besides. Rotary instituted the annual subscription lists. These are still going strong today after 31 years. 350 folk contribute every year, replacements coming along to fill the places of those who drop out. Some of the special efforts deserve mention. The 1928 and 1929 drives for the Rennie's Pools are paraphrased below. There were the sponsored movie-shows of 1933, '34, '35, recorded, and at least another in 1940. The idea originated with Ken Rose (now secretary of the Halifax Board of Trade). For a number of years, Jim Steinhauer (one of Playgrounds best supporters and workers) ran his "100% Membership" scheme. Then till the outbreak of War II, there were the annual New Year's Eve Balls sponsored by playgrounds-president Gordon Higgins. A number of other efforts seem to have taken place from time to time.

Financing the Playgrounds, with their high, though economical, budget has always been a major problem, never easily faced. A great deal of credit goes mainly to Weddy Outerbridge and his lieutenants, particularly present manager Jack Walsh. At considerable personal sacrifice often, they have kept the craft afloat to guide it into the comparatively calmer financial waters of today, still perilous though they may be.

RENNIE'S RIVER POOLS

The construction jobs on the Rennie's River Swimming Pool and the Paddling Pool were purely Rotary projects, and took place in 1928 and '29. Cyril Duley was the moving spirit, channeling the enthusiasm of the Club. The considerable costs of both projects were eased by donations like Harold Macpherson's of the site of the Rennie's Bakery which had been destroyed by fire, and by Frank Bradshaw and non-rotarian (government-engineer) Thomas A. Hall, both of whom did the surveying, engineering, and supervision. Rotarian and other friends (like the AND Co, who provided felt bottom-material, and countless other helpers) gave generously of materials, services, and cash. The pools were wellbuilt and highly successful. Improvements and added facilities were made through the years by the Association itself. Thousands daily used the pools till they were closed this year because of contamination of the source of watersupply.

TOOTON POOL

In 1930 Tony Tooton presented a paddlingpool to Victoria Park Playground in memory of his son, Frank. Again, this year, when a replacement-pool had to be built in another location, Tony made another substantial donation. So did past-rotarian George Croshie, as also did Joe Anderson with material. Incidentally Vince Burke was created an honorary life president in 1948, and Tony Tooton was similarly honored in 1950.

In short reference like this, it is quite impossible to pay tribute adequately to those who have supported the playgrounds during their 32 years. In closing however in addition to the usual tribute to the City Council, the Radio, and Press that is so well merited, we must say how much the "adoption" of the playgrounds by the "Evening Telegram" and the wholehearted active interest of Will, Ralph, and Jim Herder has meant to the movement.

Wonderful service has been given by the Playgrounds to the children of St. John's. A third centre for the middle of the city, plus a pool, and several baseball diamonds in the outskirts, are crying needs (but they must be properly endowed so as not just to be an added annual cost to the Playgrounds).

Rotary says service should be personal rather than cheque-book charity, that no club must be allowed to deteriorate into purely a fund-raising organization, and that no methods must be used which are not "looked upon with complete favor by the community", club

Since the St. John's/does its best to follow this out, and to do its good quietly, it is surprised to find itself, through its own efforts and those of its sponsored activities, in the front line of all fund-raisers.

We make few contributions from Club Funds to our sponsored activities (we are perennially hardup anyway); but the St. John's Club does demand of its members that, either individually or as Groups, they all render personal service in soliciting for its sponsored associations and in active work in all club activities.

Therefore this financial item is of purely academic interest - to reveal very roughly the sums of money gathered and expended in good cause by the "children" fathered by our Rotary Club. It does not claim to be more than a very rough approximation.

Annual Budgets: TB	\$114,000	
Sunshine Camp, etc.	100,000	
Cancer	35,000	
Playgrounds	9,000	
Concerts	9,000	
VON	5,000	
Air Cadets	1,000	
Hampers	1,000	
Student Speaking	500	
Miscellaneous	500	
Groups	10,000	\$285,000

To date: Poor-Boys Christmas Dinners (1921-30)		\$ 7,500
Family Christmas Hampers (1931-54)		53,000
Crippled & Underprivileged Children's Picnics (1922-4 & 1931-6)		20,000
Playgrounds & Pools (1923-54) Direct Rotary effort, say		25,000
Tourist Bureau (1923-46) Direct Rotary effort, say		1,000
Groups, probably (1926-54)		100,000
Boys Club at Y (1930 & '31)		1,000
Sunshine Camp, Radio Auction & New setup (1936-54)		150,000
London Leave Centre (1942-5)		80,000
TB (1944-54)		900,000
Boys Home (1945-53) Mostly Group		1,000
Student Loan Fund (1946-54) Mostly Groups		6,500
Community Concerts subscriptions (1946-54)		80,000
Student Public Speaking Contests (1945-54) Mostly Group		1,500
Foundation Fellowships (Club 100% 1947-54)		1,500
Air Cadet Squadron (1946-54) Mostly Group		8,000
Cancer Society public subscriptions (1949-54)		100,000
Victorian Order of Nurses (1951-4) Rotary \$5,000		20,000
Miscellaneous (Depression, Wartime, and other Sponsored Funds)		20,000
		<u>\$1,576,000</u>
To which should be added a large share of the responsibility for making the \$800,000 Stadium Fund a reality.		?

All of which is a lot of spontaneous support of the projects.

Rotary is greatly appreciative of the public goodwill and confidence received all down through the years which still exists in full measure and which we shall always try to merit.

THE FIRST EXECUTIVE

President Harry Cowan
 V. Presid. Charlie Hunt
 Secretary Vince Burke
 Treasurer Reg Harvey
 Sergeant Jim Ayre
 Assistant Senator Milley
 Directors Reuben Horwood
 Jimmy McKay
 Tim Mitchell

OTHER CHARTER MEMBERS

Dave Baird (Founder)
 Charlie Duder
 Bertie Gardner
 Tim Hartnett
 Gerald Harvey
 Albert Hickman
 Charlie Hutton
 Jimmy MacKenzie
 Harold Macpherson
 Arthur Mews
 Will Morris
 John Mulcahy
 Will Neal
 Angus Reid
 Ernest Watson

ADDED DURING YEAR

Joe Cocker
 Bob Murphy
 Chief Hutchings
 Jack Meehan
 Fred Angel
 George Kearney

ADDED 1922-23

Cyril Daley
 Alton Perkins
 Will Tucker
 Will Barker
 Dace Davies
 Artie Williams

ADDED 1923-24

Herb Russell
 Peter O'Mara
 (Sir) John Bennett
 (Sir) Tasker Cook
 Walter Clouston
 Harry Saunders
 Arch Mann

1922-23 EXECUTIVE

President Charlie Hunt
 V. Presid. Tim Mitchell
 Secretary Vince Burke
 Treasurer Reg Harvey
 Sergeant Jim Ayre
 Directors Senator Milley
 Reuben Horwood
 Jimmy McKay
 Harry Cowan

1923-1924 ROSTER

President Tim Mitchell
 V. Presid Ernest Watson
 Secretary Vince Burke
 Treasurer Reg Harvey
 Sergeant Jim Ayre
 Directors Tim Hartnett
 Charlie Hunt
 Jack Meehan
 Will Morris

BOYS WORK

Vince Burke
 Bertie Gardner
 Gerald Harvey
 Will Morris
 Tim Hartnett
 Reuben Horwood
 Harry Cowan
 Harold Macpherson

PUBLICITY (Reporting)

Tim Hartnett
 Charlie Hunt
 Angus Reid
 Jim Ayre

EXPANSION

Ernest Watson
 Arthur Mews
 Fred Angel
 Reg Harvey

MUSIC

Charlie Hutton (Prof.)
 Artie Williams (tenor)
 Will Tucker (baritone)
 Jimmy MacKenzie

FINES

Dave Baird
 Will Barker
 John Mulcahy
 Cyril Daley

MONTHLY COMMITTEES

Joe Cocker
 George Kearney
 Senator Milley
 Peter O'Mara
 Herb Russell
 Will Neal
 (Dr) Alton Perkins
 Albert Hickman
 Harry Saunders
 Bob Murphy
 Dace Davies
 Chief Hutchings
 Arch Mann
 Walter Clouston
 Task Cook
 John Dennett

TOURISTS & VISITORS

See Next Sheet (#19)

ADDED 1924-25

Cappy Stuart
 Charlie Howlett
 Gus Lester
 Frank Bradshaw
 Jim Pratt
 Freddy Cornell
 Ned Lawrence
 Larry Cashin
 (Dr) Harry Smith
 Clary Hubbley
 Tony Tooton
 Rendell Jeans
 Nobby Outerbridge
 Will Ellis
 Harry Wyatt

1925-26 None joined
Nine dropped out

1926-27 ADDED

Will Comarford
 Will Harder
 Al Smith (YMCA)
 Watty Edgar
 Buster Brown
 Harry Thomson
 John Currie
 Jim Chalker
 Dick Steele
 Frank O'Leary

ADDED 1927-28

Rob Ritcey
 Fred Chasman
 Mak Baird
 Major Ingpen
 Doug Muir
 Harold Mitchell
 Ern Maunder
 Ernie Fox
 John Young
 Alf Green

ADDED 1928-29

John Penman
 Stan Cullen
 Ern Clouston
 George Crosbie
 Roi Sandall
 Stuart Bell
 Arthur Johnson
 Walter Pippy
 Jim Crawford
 Jack Lacey
 Jack Harman
 George Williams

ADDED 1929-30

Dave Thistle
 Joe Lee
 Tommy Tomlinson
 Billy Watson
 Hector Ross
 Peter Duff
 Cal Pratt
 Hazen Russell
 Darroch Macgillivray
 Max Barbour (#104)

Another of the early creations of the club was the Tourist Association. It was started in 1923 and lasted till 1946 as a monument to the idealism and devotion of Newfoundland Rotary. For, with the exception of the Monroe administration at its outset, it may fairly be stated that, through the years, the authorities proved almost oblivious to the advantages of a sound tourist policy and the value of a tourist dollar. In fact, under Commission of Government, there was no policy, no funds of any consequence, and an indifference that finally after a notorious incident on November 15, 1946, broke even the stout hearts that had survived for 23 years, and the board resigned in a body. In 1952 there came the appointment of a Tourist Director of proven ability in the person of Oliver L. Vardy and the reappointment of an Advisory Board. However there is still not the desired warm support by provincial and federal authorities, nor historical and other citizens associations, to preserve relics, mark sites, and provide accomodation. Rotary is again represented on the Advisory Board, and is prepared to lend its full support. The emergency is the start of the Gulf Motor Ferry.

Rotary began the tourist movement in 1923 through the club committee known as "Tourists and Visitors". Its chairman for 1923 and 1924 was Jack Meehan. With the forming of the Association, the president was Angus Reid who held office throughout. Other committee members were Cyril Duley, Dave Baird, and Tim Hartnett. Other later Rotary names which should be mentioned for special service should be John Young, (Sir) John Bennett, Dace Davies, Peter O'Mara, Will Comerford, Reg Harvey, Billy Allan, and other from both transportation and rotary sources. Certainly the names should not be forgotten of (Sir) Leonard Outerbridge, (Sir) Brian Dunfield, and (Captain) V. Sidney Bennett, non-rotarians but closely connected in many activities, for their devotion and belief in the cause. The public association at its birth received the full support of Rotary, the Board of Trade, the Motor Association, the Highroads Commission (all of which in turn had large representations of rotarians on their executives), and similar bodies. Its composition and backbone through the 23 lean years of its existence however was largely Rotary.

The 1923 club committee built well. On July 24, 1923, Sir Edgar Bowring, then High Commissioner in London, addressed the club on "Tourist Affairs". Chairman Jack Meehan followed on July 31 with a talk on "Tourist Traffic", and there was a series of addresses during both 1923 and 1924 on "Tourists" and "Roads". Incidentally in 1924 club luncheons were switched from Tuesdays to Thursdays. This was to coincide with the arrival of the "Red Cross" steamers from New York and Halifax, and is the reason why we have that day today.

The public body known first as the "Newfoundland Tourist & Publicity Association" was formed by Rotary on July 3, 1925. Its first funds were raised by dollar-memberships. When the government began to contribute, it did so on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Later came a stamp-tax on all tickets. On April 1, 1931, the Government itself took over the responsibility for employing and paying the personnel. Services expanded, and an office was opened in Boston with Bert Tait in charge, later transferred to New York. (Captain) Gerry Byrne was for a time Director.

Cyril Duley, charter committee member and enthusiast all through the years, was appointed Tourist Director immediately following his Civil Defence wartime duties. He was on halftime from January 1, 1944, and fulltime from January 1, 1945. Unfortunately his War I disabilities came to a head and prevented Cyril from doing the fine job that would otherwise have been performed by this outstanding Rotarian. His office continued till the end of Commission Government at March 31, 1949.

In conformity with its policy all down through the years, the club has recently thrown its weight into support of the move to have the National Monuments board of Canada take over Signal Hill as the first of a series of sites marking the foundations of what (with the inclusion of Newfoundland) may be called the new Canada, now presented with a new older history than she ever had before.

Formed November 23, 1921, the club's first activity was the Christmas dinner for poor boys of the town. It was the first of a series of ten, which were only ended when the terrible depression of the thirties dictated that the same outlay for family food and footwear would be more practical.

Here is the newspaper account of the 1928 dinner, which was the 8th. and typical of all of them. It was Governor Middleton's first time attending one.

"The diningroom of the Newfoundland Hotel presented a very animated scene yesterday when about two hundred boys assembled to enjoy the Christmas hospitality of Rotarians. The little guests arrived early and each boy was presented with a festive cap. Promptly at one o'clock President Charlie Howlett sounded the dinner gong and invited the boys to make themselves at home and enjoy to the full the turkey, plum pudding, fruit, and Christmas sweetmeats which had been provided for them. No second invitation was needed, and immediately knives and forks were plied with zest and zeal for which boys on such occasions show particular aptitude. The Rotarians themselves were on duty as waiters, and had a very busy time taking care of the "orders" of their genial and happy guests. All entered into the spirit of merriment, and nothing was left undone to make the event an enjoyable and memorable one.

At the conclusion of the menu President Howlett introduced His Excellency the Governor who stated had taken a great interest in boys since his arrival in Newfoundland. He expressed the pleasure it gave Rotarians to again have the privilege of giving a little happiness and enjoyment to the boys, and asked all to listen to the Christmas message which His Excellency the Governor would now give them. The latter was greeted with much applause.

A musical programme under the direction of Rotarian Ernie Fox was thoroughly enjoyed by the boys who joined lustily in the choruses of "Barney Google", "Bells of St. Mary's", etc. Denny Delmar delighted his audience with his comic songs, and the Hotel orchestra (Archivist - "yes, the Hotel had its own Orchestra which played during dinner and for afternoon tea-dances and other functions) rendered selections suitable for the happy occasion. A parade of the chefs, carrying turkey and plum pudding, and headed by the trumpeter and drummer, gave the boys a real thrill.

President Charlie then announced that Mr. Frank Quick, the popular manager of the Newfoundland Hotel, had donated three cash prizes to be won in competition by the best singer, dancer, and player of the mouthorgan. It proved to be a very popular and exciting event, and the first prize was won by Master Frank Fowlow.

Through the courtesy of radio station 8WMC (Wesley--which had broadcast its first Rotary luncheon programme on December 7, 1927"- Archivist) and of the Avalon Telephone Company, the proceedings were broadcast.

The first part of the programme now concluded, and each boy was given a generous bag of candy and fruit. They then boarded the streetcars which had been generously placed at the disposal of the boys (especially for the crippled and invalid. Will Morris always saw to that). They were conveyed to the New Queen theatre where the proprietor, Mr. John J. Duff, treated them to a special moviesshow which they thoroughly enjoyed. (Some years the Star theatre were also hosts).
proprietors

Special guests were His Excellency Sir John Middleton and suite, His Lordship Bishop White, Reverend Father Flynn, Reverend Mr. Vatcher, and Colonel Dickerson, Salvation Army.

The first dinners were held at King George V Seamen's Institute, and at some of these the Rotaryans did the catering. The current Governor always delivered the Christmas message to the boys. At some of the dinners there were nearly fifty guests who came to join in the fun. Attendance of the membership was always 100% of those who were able to come. In 1921, 1922, and 1929 these were actually 100% meetings.

Each member nominally invited two boys (for which the assessment was usually \$7); but it always turned out that every youngster standing outside the Hotel door, whether he had been invited or not, was brought in till there was room for no more.

As usual with Rotary functions, the dinners were highly ^{and} well organized. Members did the whole thing, waiting at tables, checking the clothes, presenting the bags of candy, providing an excellent entertainment for which there were often printed special songbooks, entertaining at the theatre, and calling for, taking to the show, and bringing home all the invalids and cripples.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY HAMPERS

For 1931 the Kill-Kare-Krowd group suggested the scheme of family hampers which has ever since been carried out with such satisfaction. For several seasons, boots, shoes, rubbers, and stockings were additionally distributed, some with the aid of the Child Welfare Association. From 150 to 200 hampers have usually gone out.

The planning, purchasing, soliciting and receiving donations, packing, delivery, and the cards, checking, and collections are all done with a will by the club. An event participated in with considerable enjoyment by the committees and representatives from each of the Groups is the packing of the hampers the night before distribution.

The whole club from time to time has participated; but we like to think of the faithful of the earlier years who season after season left their own firesides to work on Hampers for others whose need was great: Will Comerford, Buster Brown, Rob Ritey, Will Morris, Arch Mann, Harry and Herb Wyatt, George Williams, Max Barbour, Bob Murphy, Jim Chalker, Frank O'Leary, Tony Tooton, and a host of others. History has not yet hallowed the names of more recent committees; but we should slip in the names of Ken Skuce, Charlie Innes, Norm Smith, Tommy Tomlinson, Fred Blair, Hugh Cole, plus of course all the faithful from the Groups who turn up year after year.

Members will recall all the various sites that have been utilized for packing the hampers. Memory will take them back to the old Examining-Room at King's Wharf; to Walter Clouston's store formerly occupied by the Misses Stick as millinery, now by Modern Home Supplies; and to latter years in the "Glory Hole" of the Bank of Nova Scotia - all quarters supplied free. One very pleasant night also at Fred Wylie's.

STREET CARS

As a footnote, the disappearance of the street cars in September 1948 when they were replaced by the first motor busses brought to a close a long and often humorous history. They gave yeoman service over narrow-gauge tortuous routes which included sharp turns and steep hills.

In addition to providing them for transportation of the crippled and invalid children for the Christmas Dinners as noted above, tradition says that, on a midwinter night when nothing but the old reliable electric street cars could move through the sudden snowstorm, Will Morris chartered a special street car to take his beleaguered fellow group-members "around the belt" to their homes. That's "Rotary"!

This is the known Roll of Honor of the Club. Corrections will gladly be received.

BOER WAR & ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE WAR I: Major Will Ingpen

WAR I: Ron Ayre, Frank Bennett, Maurice Bonnavé (also War II), Fred Blair, Ken Carter, Hugh Cole, Freddy Cornell, Cyril Duley, Ern Fox, David Frazer, Bertie Gardner, Doug Gosse, Alf Green, Gerald Harvey, Ralph Harder, Chas Ednes, Will Ingpen, Bobby Innes, Charlie Innes, Jimmy Knight, Joe Lee, Bob Leith, Scott Macdonald, Darroch Macgillivray, John Morais, Harold Mitchell, George Nightingale, Jack O'Driscoll, Frank O'Leary, Olaf Olsen, Nic Paton, Walter Pippy, Loyal Reid, Walter Rendell (also War II secretary for defence), Art Roblin, Rod Roddis (Home Guard War II), Hector Ross, Ken Russell, George Shaw, Ken Skuce, Cappy Stuart (also War II), Tommy Tomlinson, and Ernest Watson.

WAR II: Bud Atwood, Maurice Bonnavé, Paul Bridle, Bubs Britton, Jim Campbell, Geoff Carnell, Roy Cheeseman, Harold Clarke, Cam Eaton, Finn Frost, Lloyd Garland, "H" Garrett, Roy Cross, Hugh Harrison, Jim Herder, Chas Holmes (also War I), Bob Horwood, Doug Hunt, Kevin Lacey, Stan Malloy, Blisa Murphy, John (Tel) Murphy, Ray Murphy, Jay Parker, Pat (Hotel) Patterson, Bill Patrick, Swart Pratt, Walter Rendell, Graham Rennie, Charlie Roberts, Rod Roddis, Bert Russell, Bob Campbell Smith, George Smith, Edge Strothard, Cappy Stuart, Ted Walmsley, Clarence Wiseman, Wally Wurtele, and Ken Young.

SONS OF MEMBERS IN SERVICES: Jim Ayre's Gerry and Stewart; Boyd Baird's Doug; Dave Baird's Mon #; Sir John Bennett's Frank (member), Ray, and Sid; Buster Brown's Laurie; Don Butler's Sid; Jim Chalker's George; Jack Cheeseman's Roy (member) and Ted; Jimmy Collins' Bill #; Sir Tasker Cook's Bill # and Jim; Joe Dewling's Art and Eric; Ken Donald's Bob and Dick; Charlie Duder's Stan and Paddy; Peter Duff's Gordon; Jack Harnam's Joe and Wilf; Ralph Harder's Rex; Reuben Horwood's Bob (member); Harry Howlett's John; Charlie Hunt's Doug (member); Chief Hutchings' Billy; Charlie Innes' Karl and Austin; Bobby Innes' Bob Wilson; Rendell Jeans' Don and John; George Kearney's John; Jimmy Knight's Geoff; Jack Lacey's Bran # and Kevin (member); Gus Lester's Cecil and Hubert; Jimmy McKay's Doug and Angus; Jimmy MacKenzie's Angus and Alec; Ern Maunder's John; Arthur News' Harry; Will Morris' Gordon #; Bob Murphy's John (member); Claude Noonan's Eddie; Olaf Olsen's Harold; Cal Pratt's Swart (member); Angus Reid's Ian; Walter Rendell's Bill; Rob Ritcey's John; Forbes-Roberts' Dick and Bob; Hector Ross's Wallace, John and Reynolds; Hazen Russell's Roy; Herb Russell's Bert (past member) and Fred; Cappy Stuart's Don; Arthur Templeton's Alan, Jim and David; Dave Thistle's Harris # and Rudolph; Harry Thomson's Bill; Hugh Cole's Lionel and Harvey; and Will Effer's Gordon.

Supreme Sacrifice.

Honorary Members are not in the above: Governors Sir David Murray Anderson, and Sir Humphrey Walwyn. Nor Lieutenant-Governor Sir Leonard C. Outerbridge. Nor are the US Air Force Commanders, Lieutenant-General Charles T. Myers, Colonel Richard W. Fellows, Lieutenant-General Glenn O Barcus, and Colonel William H. Wise included in the active members above.

HONORS ON HOME FRONT: This is strictly "e & o e" :-
 Billy Allan OBE, Vince Burke CBE, Dace Davies CBE, Ray Gushue CBE, Charlie Hutchings OBE, Jimmy Knight OBE, Darroch Macgillivray MBE, Ray Manning CBE, Will MBE, Frank O'Leary OBE, Cal Pratt OBE, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~, Will Roddis OBE, Herb Russell CBE, Ken Skuce OBE, Dave Thistle MBE; decorations conferred wholly or partially for civilian outstanding war service. Many other members of course did outstanding war jobs, some of which will turn up in the club history.

The club was of course now in being at the time of War I. During War II three of the current members were in the Forces. Geoff Carnell gave up his business to go overseas with the Artillery. He was seriously injured in Africa, and everyone was very pleased when he was able to get home on Christmas Eve 1943. Jim Herder also joined up, and was greatly disappointed not to be allowed overseas, but did excellent work with the Regiment at Shamrock Field all during the war. Walter Rendall was Secretary for Defence and OC Newfoundland Regiment. Will Morris, again as in War I, trained the troops in rifle shooting. Ray Gushue served his country well, and the world in general, in his responsible positions at Washington as chairman of UN food council and successors.

Practically all members did warwork of one description or another, and it is impossible to mention everyone. Some notes however should be made such as of Civil Defence, headed by Chief Hutchings and later Colonel Leonard C. Outerbridge, and with Ken Skuse and Cyril Duley. Then there was the organization of the Caribou Hut, and the work of Darroch Macgillivray, and others such as Jimmy MacIntyre, Jack Lacey and others, and the great help of the whole club in the annual drives for its funds. Past-member Al Smith of the "y" returned to manage it for a while, another manager was D. J. Van Bommel, a good friend and speaker often at Rotary on international affairs. The Seaman's and Officers' Club in the Mechanics Hall on King's Beach was founded and run by Billy Allan, Fred Blair, Frank O'Leary and others. Most of the Services Huts had Rotarians on the executive. Claude Noonan and others spent much time at the Red Triangle on the Promenade, Water Street West. Murray Dobson of the "y" was a club member. So was Mac McCarthy of the USO (he married Mercedes Galway). Other members were on the committee of the K. of C. Hut (scene of the tragic fire of Christmastime 1942 with its loss of 100 lives).

All Groups did extensive personal warwork. The Bulldozers looked after the Merchant Navy hospital at Memorial University and later at Sudbury Hospital (in fact till the ward was moved to the General Hospital a few years ago). The Identifiers entertained the American boys on the garrison USS "Edmund B. Alexander" while she was there from January 29, 1941 (Member Ray Murphy was aboard). Others looked after the Navy Hospitals at Quidi Vidi Road (now the Orthopaedic) and the larger hospital (now the West section of the Sun) and similar institutions. All groups and individuals sent Food Parcels etcetera to Britain, and had a hand in all such funds. Every local fund also found strong support from Rotary Members. There were myriad pieces of war service, among the very pleasurable were the large entertainments of boys and girls of the forces by the Caribou at the Presbyterian Hall.

Certain individual efforts also must receive mention. Such would be those of Frank O'Leary whose "Fish-A-Man" radio appeal through his "Barrelman" (then Joseph R. Smallwood) brought in over \$50,000 to be handed over to the NFA. Incidentally Vince Burke was secretary of NFA all during War I and was twice honored, once with OBE and then with CBE. Cal Pratt did an outstanding job by request - shipbuilding - six miresweepers. The gross profit of \$30,000 from the job, exclusive of salary, office work, and overhead absorbed by his own firm, was devoted to setting up the Pratt Scholarship Trust for children of servicemen.

Added to their ordinary duties, great responsibilities fell on Herb Russell at the Railway, Billy Allan with shipping and survivors of torpedoing, Rod Roddis in communications and censorship at the Post and Telegraph Department, Ray Manning at Public Works, Jimmy Knight at Health, Dace Davies in London, and many others. The work of member's Rotary Anns and families should also not be forgotten.

The sum total of the personal ^{services} throughout the long, weary, strenuous war years in common with all Newfoundlanders was something of which the Club and subsequent and future Rotary members may well be proud.

War touches on the Club were often unusual. There was the regular singing of "There'll always be an England" (ad nauseam) before each luncheon. Until the coming of double-summer-time Rotary luncheon addresses were taken off the air in favor of a 2pm. BBC news broadcast. All addresses had to have their script submitted to the Censor before being allowed to be broadcast (therefore during most of the war there were no free-speaking talks whatever). There were always invitations to men in uniform. There was also a steady stream of uniformed sons of members, some going overseas, some coming back (and poignantly to all of us the inevitable occasional note of those who would not be coming back). Then there was the dropping of all customary club functions for the duration, the putting of all club fund surpluses into War Saving Certificates. Club luncheon programmes were ~~maintained~~ understandably at a very high level because of the excellent speakers available from the armed forces, interesting visitors, and transient and permanent dignitaries. Rotary was often made the vehicle for public announcements of critical importance. Musical programmes were often staged because of the excellence of talent in the Forces and in the professional and amateur talent that visited the Forces. In all directions, from taking evacuee English children, ditty bags for the navymen, to clothing for Europe, and Christmas-dinner invitation to servicemen, life took on a varied tempo and intense feeling for all Rotarians. It is to be remembered that, until the advent of the Kinsmen (remember their "Milk for Britain" bottles) in January 1940, Rotary was the only serviceclub here.

The war and post-war brought many visiting Rotarians and a number of Rotarians-to-be. Rotary International Vice President Charlie Burchell was here from 1941 to 1944 as Canadian High Commissioner. Although an Honorary-Member, Charlie paid fees and was Charles-the-First in the Caribou Group. His successor Hugh Keenleyside had no special Rotary ties (his fame in Newfoundland rests on an excellent article on our place names - he ranked Lush's Bight as a topper); but Scott Macdonald was a member 1945 to 1948 when he was transferred to Brazil. Trade Commissioners Dick Bower, Bubs Britton, Bob Campbell Smith, and Paul Bridle were all valued members. Dick was Charter Vice President of the Caribou. Bubs spoke to the Club during the war when on convoy duty. Commander Dick Stannard VC (Rotarian of Leyton, Essex) hero of Narvik was here for a year on furlough. Surgeon-Commander Harry Wilson of Englehart, Ont. was here for ^{over} a year at the Naval Quidi Vidi Road Hospital and a great help to group-work there till transferred in September 1944.

Three historic luncheons in 1945 marked the ending and end of the war. First was the St. George's Day luncheon in honor of 88 Royal Artillery boys home on furlough. 163 sat down at luncheon. Second was the Victory Luncheon May 10th. Representatives of all Armed Forces and Nations were at the head table. Third was the return home for discharge of two drafts of Artillery on May 31st. There were 75 guests. It was naturally a very joyful occasion. Cam Eaton (Captain, MC, 166th. and present member of the club) was the speaker.

Final touches however were probably the joining of the St. John's Club with the other Rotary Clubs in the Maritimes & Newfoundland section of the District in the donation of a boatload of food to France. A crawler built of this Side for French fishermen was filled with provisions on its trip across about a year or so after the war.

The outstanding, and best known public, effort of the Club itself was the Leave Centre for boys and girls set up in London as a club for the Newfoundland servicemen and service-women.

Club records are full of the feeling expressed that the impersonal attitude of the Commission of Government left much to be desired in treatment of the Newfoundland volunteer servicemen. This sentiment was shared by the public, as evidenced by the response to the HMS Newfoundland, Spitfire, and other appeals. There was however no more striking response than that to our sponsored appeal for a London Leave Centre.

THE LONDON LEAVE-CENTRE (THE CARIBOU CLUB)

Outstanding among all club, group, and individual effort during the war was the sponsoring and maintaining of the club in London for our boys and girls in the Forces.

Matters started on December 2, 1942, with an exchange of cables on behalf of the Newfoundland War Contingent Association between Captain Lewis Brookes and his father Herbert R. Brookes, (wellwisher of Rotary and one of those asked to found the Club in 1921, but who for personal reasons felt he could not). At the London end were Sir Edgar Bowring, Sir William Goode, Dace James Davies (past member), John L. Murphy officers; and William G. Job, E. A. Surham, G. F. Laycock, Eric A. Bowater, Ralph Newman, George Hawes, G. Hawes, Lt-Com. H. F. Ryan, Rev. Dr. N. S. Facey, Lt. A. Feild-Jones, Sir George Sutton, and Capt. Lewis R. Brookes. (The deaths of Sir Edgar Bowring and Will Job within a few years were greatly lamented). Rotary was asked to help.

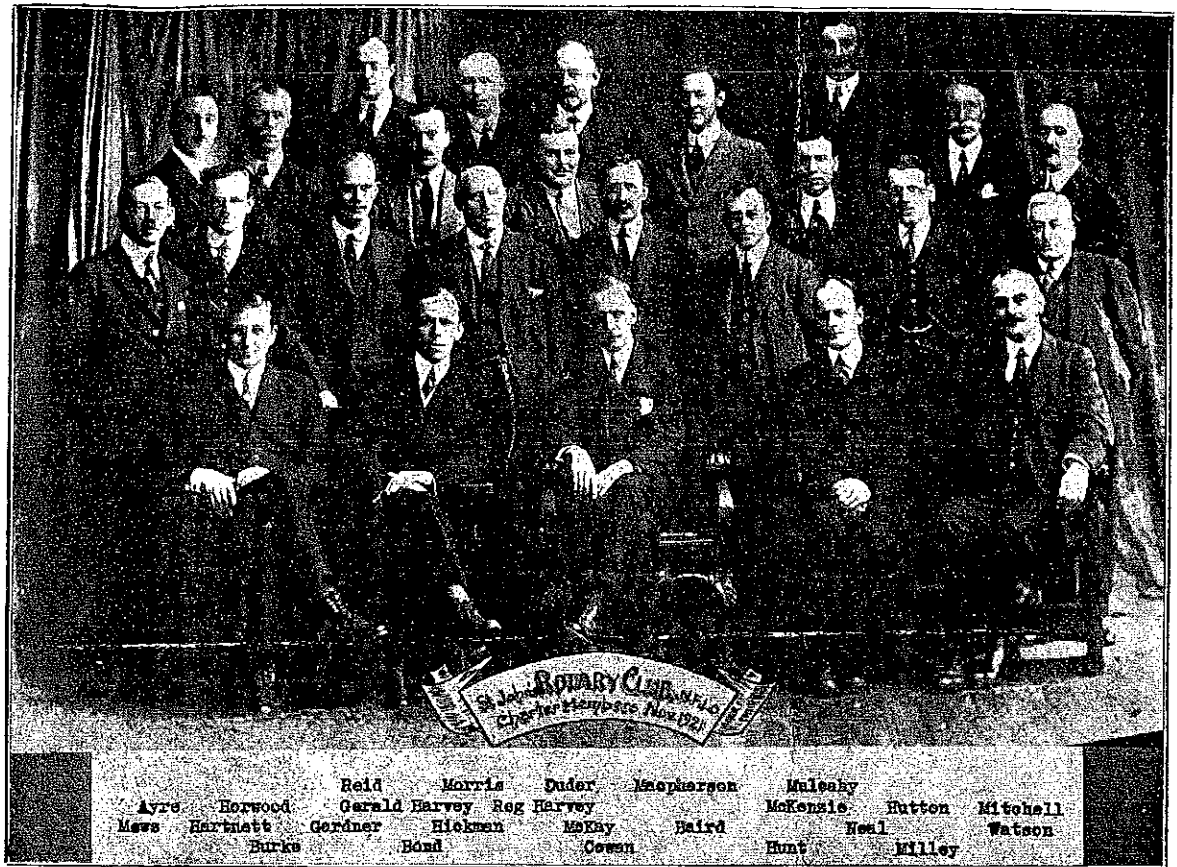
At this end was the Club's War Services Committee set up a year previously at work on the Evacuation Scheme below. They were Chairman Angus Reid, Vice Chairman Max Harbour, Treasurer Ken Russell, Secretary Gordon Higgins, Press publicity Jack Lacey, Radio publicity George Williams and members-at-large: Jim Ewing, Cyril Duley, Frank O'Leary, Dave Thistle, Billy Allan, Will Morris, and Herb Russell.

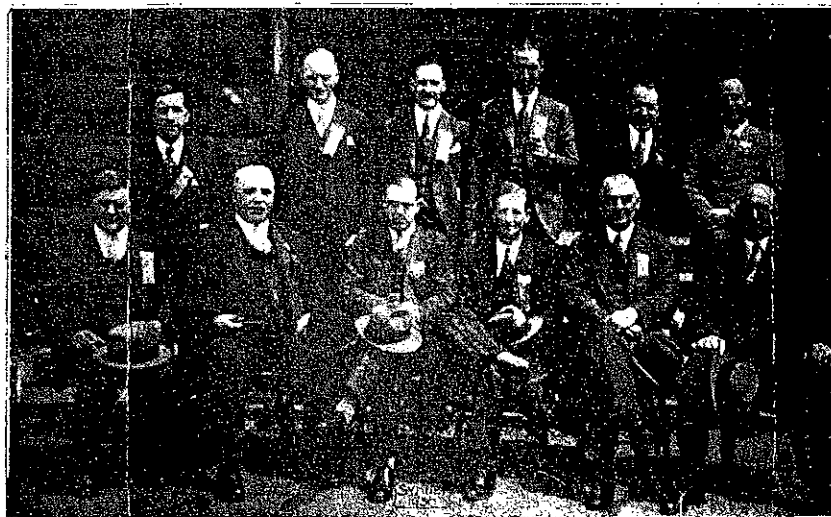
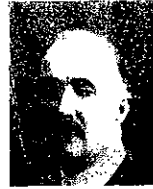
The plan for a Leave-Centre needing £5,000 (\$25,000 set) was devised, approved, and a drive launched by the Club following its formal decision on January 25, 1943. The story of public approval and warm support is told in the cables and letters sent in short succession to London: "We hope to raise \$25,000". "It looks like \$35,000 may be received". "We are approaching \$50,000 and it may go higher". - By July the final figure was \$80,000. This made possible the great expansion of the original plans, living accommodation was added, as well as other facilities and funds. The \$80,000 was sufficient to run the Club from 1943 to 1946, to leave £202 to the permanent "Newfoundland Association" in London to take care of any distressed Newfoundlanders should there be any, and a further balance of nearly \$12,000 to pass over to the funds of the Newfoundland Patriotic Association. (An excellent set of photographs of activities in the archives).

CIVIL EVACUATION SCHEME FOR ST. JOHN'S

The lesser-known work, but a most successful and thorough job, of the War Services Committee, was the plan set up from 1941 to evacuate from the city some 5,000 women, and children, and hospital patients who might be rendered accommodationless due to enemy action. The club had unanimously agreed to the request of the Director of Civil Defence to take over the organization of such a scheme, which would work in conjunction with the overall measures for civil defence. Four main centres outside the target area were set up, complete with temporary sleeping and other conveniences, and ample stocks of bedding and food. Transportation measures were outlined, and with the cooperation of nearby residents in the vicinity of the evacuation centres for supervision, and the readiness to do assigned jobs if the emergency arose, matters were in good order from that time till danger passed.

Fortunately that need never arose, in spite of many scares - the nearest actuality was the firing of torpedoes at the Narrows - but had the worst happened, the evacuation scheme would have worked smoothly and well.





<p>1928 District Conference Here June 28 & 29.</p> <p><u>NORMAN BLACK</u> RT DIRECTOR Fargo, North Dakota Splendid Baritone Voice (Bells St. Mary's)</p> <p>76 Mainland Visitors 209 at Luncheon Meeting 275 at Mixed Banquet</p> <p>Highly successful and most enjoyable. Pr. Dave Baird, Chair / Cyril Duley, Sec.</p>	<p>Mayor (member) Tasker & Henrietta Cook entertained the visitors at a Garden Party. (The weather was excellent throughout Conference).</p> <p>(Sir) Tasker ("Tack") was a member 1924-29, and again 1931 up to the time of his death in 1937.</p>		
	<p>Tim Mitchell 1923</p>	<p>Will Morris 1924</p>	<p>Jim Ayre 1925</p>
<p><u>1929 HALIBAX CONFERENCE</u> Nearly 1/3 of Club at Conference</p> <p>FRONT: Charlie Howlett & Walter Clouston.</p> <p>MIDDLE: Tony Tooton, Stuart Bell (Imp. Oil), Charlie Hunt, Cyril Duley, Freddy Cornell & Clary Hubley.</p> <p>REAR: Will Harder, Mrs Maunder, Gerald Harvey, Fred Cheaman, Alf Green (CNR), Harry Wyatt, Rendell Jeans, John Curzie & Arch Munn.</p> <p>NOT IN PICTURE: Jack Lacey, Ernie Fox, Signe Hunt, Ethel Cheaman, Grace Green, Lou Wyatt, & Jean & Ruth Clouston.</p>		<p>Angus Reid 1926</p>	<p>Charlie Howlett 1928</p>
<p><u>1930 SYDNEY CONFERENCE</u></p> <p>FRONT: Charlie Howlett, Sir John Bennett, Cyril Duley, Buster Brown, "Senator" Milley & Will Morris.</p> <p>REAR: Alf Green, Jack Harman, Billy Watson, Hector Rose, Harry Thomson & Ernie Fox.</p> <p>NOT IN PICTURE: Arch Munn.</p>		<p>Herb Russell 1929</p>	<p>Cyril Duley 1930</p>



<p style="text-align: center;"><u>1931 Charlottetown Conference</u></p> <p>FRONT & SEATED: Dave Baird, Cyril Duley, Clary Hubley, Harry Thomson, Charlie Hunt, Roi Sandall (rear), Governor George & daughter Margaret Smith, Arch Munn & John Young (rear), Walter Clouston & Tony Tooton.</p> <p>BACK STEPS: Dr. Ray Bennett (not member) & Sir John, Will Herder, unidentified not-Newfoundland ladies, RI Directors Ray Knoeppel & Will Taylor, Alf Green, Ernie Fox & Harry Wyatt.</p> <p>NOT IN PICTURE: Arthur Johnson, Signs Hunt, May Brown, Jean Clouston, Pearl Thomson, Muriel Ritcey & Lou Wyatt.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Cyril Duley</u></p> <p>Certainly one of the greatest of the great in St. John's Rotary.</p> <p>Identified prominently with every project from 1922 to the end of the war and his illness.</p> <p>Secretary & President of the Club, Secretary & Chairman of the District Conferences here, etc. etc.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>1931 Children's Picnic</u></p> <p>The 1931 picnic was the first of the second series which continued till the start of the Sunshine Camp. The picnics were exceptionally well organized, with the 1931 setting the pattern.</p> <p>The picnics became so popular that they were finally mobbed by some 1500 children, most of whom walked to Mount Pearl Park.</p> <p>This is Jack Harnum's lot of four children. Each Rotarian and Rotary Ann brought two boys and two girls, who were either crippled or underprivileged.</p>	<p>"Senator" Milley & Buster Brown in the foreground. "Senator" was always Field Captain in a clown suit to whom the children ran. In the background are Max Barbour, Sir John Bennett & Will Comerford.</p> <p>This is actually taken at the huge 1934 picnic</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The first Hamper-Packing, King's Wharf, 1931</u></p> <p>FRONT: Sir John Bennett, Hector Ross, George Crosbie, Mac McCarter, Will Herder, Don Clouston, Bob Murphy, Will Comerford, Jack Maher (auctioneer), Charlie Howlett, Dave Baird, Harry Thomson, Frank Bradshaw, & Ches Pippy.</p> <p>LEFT OF HAMPERS: Hazen Russell, Vince Burke & Cyril Duley. RIGHT OF HAMPERS: Jim Chalker, non-member Dave Baird Sr., & Angus Reid.</p> <p>BEHIND HAMPERS: Buster Brown, Gus Lester, Max Barbour, Peter O'Mara, Stuart Bell, Peter Duff, Frank Bennett, Joe Lee, Will Morris, Jim Ayre & Dave Thistle.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Charlie Hunt</u></p> <p>One of our Founders, first Vice-President & second President. Father of our Group-System. District-Gov. 1933. International Director 1934. RI Administration Committee 1935-6-7. The Representative of N & S Americas on RI European Re-Establishment Committee 1945, etc. Outstanding Rotarian. Gifted RI, District & Club speaker.</p>

There were two series of picnics. The first took place in 1922 (the first summer after the founding of the club), and 1923 and 1924. The second series 1931 to 1936 inclusive. The first series ceased when the club went intensely into Playgrounds work; the second when the Sunshine Camp began. The purpose of both was to take out for a day in the country Crippled, Invalid and other children of similar circumstances.

THE FIRST SERIES

Typical of the earlier picnics was the first, in 1922. After the regular Tuesday luncheon of August 8, 1922, at which the Rotary Arms complete with baskets attended, each member and his partner called at the homes, and filled his car with the children selected. All cars met at Cavendish Square at 3 o'clock (no Hotel there till 1926). The cavalcade then proceeded to Bowring Park for icecream and softdrinks. Thence to Topsail where they had further refreshments and played games. Then to Smithville for High-Tea, followed by a concert (ventriloquist and Mount Cashel Boys Band), a movieshow, and games (while the grownups had their tea and sandwiches). Everyone home at 8.30.

An interesting feature was that visiting newsreel photographers went along and took professional movies of the proceedings at Topsail. These were developed and shown at the Saturday Matinee at the Majestic Theatre. (What wouldn't we give today for that historic reel?). President Harry Cowan was asked to be present and say a few words of introduction (we have the script of that). Over a hundred children were brought each year to these picnics, which were greatly enjoyed by all who took part. Only the demands of the expanding Playgrounds brought them to a conclusion.

THE SECOND SERIES

In the depths of the depression, which bore so heavily on the whole family, but particularly on delicate children, the Outings were revived in 1931. So popular did they become that they killed themselves. Over 1500 children invaded the grounds in 1935, most of them walking the whole distance from town to get in on the fun. As usual members and wives, with the aid of extra supplies rushed from town, performed the miracle of the loaves and fishes once more; but it became plain that the same setup could not continue. Next year, 1936, the site was moved to Octagon Pond; but even these ten miles from town did not prevent the number rising to 350. As a permanent summer home for Crippled and Invalid Children the Sunshine Camp came into being in 1937, and replaced the Picnics.

THE 1931 OUTING

We reproduce from the Archives the "order-sheet" of the opening picnic of the second series, September 7, 1931. It speaks for itself of the fine detail of the organization which made these big affairs run so smoothly, during the process of which everyone had a wonderful time, and every older member looks back to them with very happy memories:-

"KEEP THIS FOR REFERENCE. BE SURE AND SHOW IT TO YOUR ROTARY ANN.

3 o'clock sharp is the time of the picnic. Next Monday afternoon (Tuesday if wet or cold). It will take about quarter of an hour from your house.

The turnoff to Mount Pearl Park Grounds is just at the bridge before the curve on which "Old Glory" Hall is situated on the Topsail Road. You won't miss it, we'll have a roadsign there "Mount Pearl Park Picnic".

HISTORY - PICNICS (2 - ends)

Basket Contents for six (self, Rotary Ann, two boys, two girls): Teapot, hotwater-jug, cups, spoons, plates, milk, sugar, sandwiches (large plain ham, tongue, etc.) buns, cookies, and plain cake. A bar of chocolate and a couple of 5¢ or 10¢ packages of candy per child may be brought (not more) for going home. We don't want "menu competition". No silverware please. You will sit on the grass for tea with your children in front of your car.

Look for your name on these committees, you are counted on for a job. Except for the first five committees, your Rotary Ann is supposed to serve with you.

<u>GROUNDS</u>	<u>PURCHASES</u>	<u>CHILDREN</u>	<u>CARS</u>	<u>PARKING</u>
Joe Cocker	Joe Cocker	Fred Chesman	Arthur Johnson	Joe Cocker
Cyril Duley	Cyril Duley	Gus Lester	Jim Ayre	Don Cluston
Will Herder		Will Morris	Reg Harvey	Clary Hubley
Arthur Johnson		Hector Ross	Arch Munn	
Gus Lester				
Bob Murphy				
Harry Wyatt				

from this down read "and Rotary Ann"

<u>WATER & TEA</u>	<u>ICE CREAM</u>	<u>DRINKS</u>
Peter O'Mara	Jack Maher	Fred Chesman
Tommy Tomlinson	Harold Macpherson	Peter Duff
Gus Lester	Jim Ewing	Jimmy Knight
Al Smith	Rob Ritey	J. Crawford
Walter Pippy	Jack Lacey	Ern Cluston
Bill Watson		Mac McCarter
		W. Comerford

GAMES: Harry Wyatt, Chairman.

<u>AUNT SALLY</u>	<u>BEAN BAG</u>	<u>HORSESHOES</u>	<u>RING PEG</u>	<u>SLEPPERY POLE</u>
George Crosbie	Stuart Bell	Rol Sandall	Sir John Bennett	Jack Maher
Max Barbour	Mak Baird	Frank Bradshaw	Buster Brown	Frank Bennett
<u>SLACKWIRE</u>	<u>SPILL MILK</u>	<u>BASEBALL ROLL</u>	<u>GOLF PUTTING</u>	<u>BASKET FITCH</u>
Frank O'Leary	John Young	Jim Steinhauer	Walter Cluston	Ches Pippy
Tony TOOTON	Dave Baird	John Currie	Jim Chalker	Major Ingpen
				Ernest Watson
<u>HIGH JUMP</u>	<u>SACK RACE</u>	<u>THREE LEGGED</u>	<u>BACKWARD RACE</u>	<u>REGATTA</u>
D. Macgillivray	Randell Jeans	Harry Thomson	Charlie Hutchings	Albert Hickman
Arthur Mews	Reuben Horwood	Doug Muir	Gerald Harvey	Harry Cowan
				Cal Pratt
<u>BARREL RACE</u>	<u>PRESENTATION OF PRIZES</u>	<u>FIELD CAPTAIN</u>		
Dave Thistle	President Bob Murphy	Senator Milley		
Vince Burke	Secretary Harry Thomson			

REPORT inability to attend to Picnic Chairman ARTHUR JOHNSON, CYRIL DULEY, JOE COCKER, or HARRY WYATT, general committee.

Notes on the Picnics

Special mention should made in the History of "Senator" Milley's and Peter O'Mara's connection with the outings.

Peter was the one (arrayed sometimes in a Firemen's Helmet) who presided way off in the hollow over the Fires under the big Kettles and saw to the Teapots - hard and hot work it was.

The "Senator's" big heart was always open to the children. He was Captain of the Field, decked out in a Clown's Uniform, so the kiddies would always know him and run to him. It was he who was always the financial hope of the Prizes Committee, and what it cost him in gifts, probably he himself never knew or cared. Rotary lost a great man when he passed on.

The series of six picnics continued under the mainspring of much the same committees, Joe Cocker mostly being Picnic Organizer.

The Stadium effort is almost too recent to have "become history". However it has been such a large and important achievement that it should properly have a place in this record as well as a fairly extensive detail.

The background too is interesting. Ever since the destruction by fire of the old historic Arena 13 years ago, Rotary has recognized the urgent need for its replacement. In this country where outdoor activity is virtually impossible for the youngsters for seven months of the year, an indoor all-purpose sports building is a necessity.

The old arena played a tremendous part in community life since 1898. It had been built as the Prince of Wales Skating Rink by Angus Reid's family (largely) whose railway station was originally on the site at Fort William. Connected with its design and construction were members-to-be Jack Angel's father, ~~and Cyril~~ Fred, and Bob Horwood's father (as Campbell & Co. - later Horwood Lumber Co), Bob's father being Past-President Reuben Horwood. (Cyril's father was not a Rotarian).

The early players of hockey were largely the bankers and railwaymen; but among them were Rotarian-to-be stars like Arch Munn and Peter Duff. Others would be Jim Ayre, Fred Angel, Dave Baird, Vince Burke, Charlie Howlett, Will Howley, Jack Meehan, Alec Marshall, Peter O'Mara, and more, some dating back to Quidi Vidi pond days. These fellows wrote hockey history, and founded a very strong sport for those who came after.

We'll try to uncover the dark past of some other Rotarians; but since records were lost in the arena fire, we have to memorize and guess. Please accept apologies. Present members of a newer generation should learn that these hardy souls gave their all on ice for their alma maters or clubs. They would be rated as stars:

Jim Alderdice	Geoff Carnell	Will Herder	Ed Kennedy	
John Ayre	Jim Ewing	Edgar Hickman	Harry Mews	
Buster Brown	Jim Herder	Gordon Higgins	Angus Reid	Who else?
Jim Campbell	Ralph Herder	Edgar House	Harry Thomson	

Others possibly of less luminous stature, plus many who played only in college hockey and on the mainland, are unknown, but at least these are of note:

Jack Angel	Don Clouston	Ray Gushue	Kevin Lacey	Frank J. O'Leary
Hugh Baird	Harry Collingwood	Paddy Halley	Edgar Miller	Ches Pippy
Frank Bennett	George Crosbie	Bob Horwood	Bliss Murphy	Walter Pippy
Gordon Butler	Chancey Currie	Gordon Howell	John Tel. Murphy	Max Pratt
Jack Cheeseman	Claude Fraser	Doug Hunt	Leo Shea	Fred Thistle
Roy Cheeseman	Gordon Winter	Mickey Sparkes	How many more missed?	
		George Shaw		

Connected with the old historic institution from an executive standpoint were Angus Reid and Neddy Outerbridge, president and manager respectively in the last years of the Skating Company. Then Harry Hyatt, Don Butler and Herb Hyatt with Arthur Johnson manager when the Guards Athletic Association took over. Ches Pippy (with non-member Ches Crosbie) who put up most of the funds for artificial ice in 1935, and Arthur Johnson continuing manager.

Rotary itself as a club sponsored only the occasional activity at the old arena; but members were closely connected with its activities. In addition to hockey and other sponsorships, Stan Cullen and Arthur Johnson headed the boxing commission, George Williams, Harold Macpherson and Jack O'Driscoll the Exhibitions, and other members' activities will be recalled. The old building played a major part in community life. Perhaps the era of its greatest usefulness was its last. This was the part it had in providing healthy recreation for the personnel of the Services (25,000 of them at times).

During the thirteen years that have passed between the destruction of the old and construction of the new much effort was put in. A commission appointed by the City sat through the earlier part of 1948, and this recommended a plan along the lines of the Verdun Rink and the acquisition of Lester's Field as the site, but there was no money. Next was the activity of our Caribou Group which spent a winter studying ways and means and construction. Out of this came the special interest of Bob Horwood who designed the first new buildings (which however did not get beyond the foundation stage). Next was the plan for joint-action on the part of the Service clubs and War Veterans and Elks. This was disrupted by the Lions starting a stock-company, which succeeded in raising and borrowing enough to get the building to the foundation stage, but then had to abandon the project for lack of funds.

It was felt a matter for regret that the "Sarnia plan" for a joint effort by the "Service Clubs" plus kindred organizations had not been allowed to take place in 1948. Rotary and Rotarians have been greatly concerned with the loss of the arena.

The failure of all other methods to provide a Stadium finally made President Frank O'Leary determined that a last ditch effort should be made if the project were ever to be completed. It was his thought that a well-sponsored organization vigorously carrying on a "One Percent" campaign could succeed. So in early 1952 Frank made the proposition that Rotary should sponsor a meeting of all organizations (120 in fact) to form such an organization and proceed with a campaign. This was heartily endorsed by the Club, and the Memorial Stadium Committee duly and promptly swung into action.

Rotarians who were originals on the Stadium Committee were:

Frank O'Leary	President	Charlie Bell	(Publicity (C))	Publicity	Jim Herder
Arthur Johnson	V. President	Edgar Hickman	Finance (C)		Chancey Currie
George Allen	Treasurer	Jimmy Alderdice	Director		Bill Galgay

Building	Arthur Johnson (C).	1% Committee	Frank O'Leary (C).
	Jim Crawford	Legal Committee	Charlie Hunt
	Jack Angel		Ray Gushue (C).
	Ed Baillie		Arthur Johnson

Public response was immediate, not only in cash, but in confidence. It was this latter which became all-important. While cash response was on the whole satisfactory in most directions, new costs loomed which went out of all original sights. The fact that all building materials were now available moved the building into the "all steel and concrete" fire-resistive class, with all facilities strictly according to the Building Code. Instead of the \$400,000 to \$500,000 cost, the figure rose to a minimum of \$800,000 with final improvements possibly bringing a million dollars in sight in a few years.

It was confidence in the organization and those at its head that led the City, with Government approval, to raise a \$400,000 Bond Issue now needed to complete the building.

It is unnecessary to detail the 1952-54 effort put into the organization, the persistence in the face of discouragements, and the wisdom used in the many decisions that had to be made. Sufficient to say the crucial factor throughout has been unceasing determination by Frank to put the Stadium there. It is also fair to say that while the effort was by no means exclusively a Rotary one our members played the major part, especially Frank O'Leary, Charlie Bell, Edgar Hickman, George Allen, and Jimmy Alderdice, to name just five.

It is cause for satisfaction, and asking almost too much of willing hands, that Frank O'Leary, Charlie Bell, Edgar Hickman, and Jimmy Herder have accepted membership on the permanent management commission. Rotary wishes them every success. The Stadium is in good hands.

St. John's Rotary has had great satisfaction in the way Air Cadets have worked out. In a comparatively short time, starting from scratch, Newfoundland built an organization which can hold up its head in the company of any of the other provinces. In the person of Darroch Macgillivray we have furnished a national president who has done an outstanding job for the whole of Canada. Hard on his heels in service have been John Ayre and Fred Blair, as well as others on the committees, while the devotion of the Husky Boys Group to the club's own squadron #506 Caribou has been splendid.

Chronologically and historically one set of roots stemmed from the 1948 Youth Service (Bulldozers) Committee. At Fred Blair's assembly on August 2, 1948, it was announced that with his encouragement and blessing the committee was already working energetically on the whole matter of lining up the national youth services which would become available to our new province with the coming of Confederation on April 1, 1949.

Contacts in all directions were made. Newfoundland Commissioner for Justice (Sir) Albert Walsh, High Commissioner for Canada member Charlie Burchell, Bert (R.A.) McKey of Canadian External Affairs, and other contacts in Ottawa and in the Maritime Rotary Clubs were all set in motion; because the slowness of progress inherent to such matters was recognized. Approached were also the Air, Army, and Sea Cadets, and the Physical Fitness Program inviting them directly to take an interest in setting up in Newfoundland.

Incidentally the Physical Fitness Program, in which Edgar House took and takes such an interest, still has possibilities; but it proved not to be the help we would at that time like to have - to encourage every school in the island to have a playground and a planned program of physical education.

Air Cadets did show considerably more activity and enthusiasm than the other branches. In fact when they began to move in early January 1949, they threw everything they had into it. As a matter of fact Newfoundland was practically integrated into the national setup in March, and Fred Blair, and A. W. (Aussie) Boyd of Corner Brook unofficially represented Newfoundland at the annual Air Cadet League March meeting. It is interesting that this is the reason why the club is particularly identified with Air Cadets rather than Army or Sea Cadets. It is pleased that through individual members and groups Rotary has been able to help all three.

Air Cadets however were particularly to the taste of some of the members. The second set of roots of the movement go back to the war years. A Group headed by Capt. V. Sidney Bennett, but consisting largely of Rotarians led by Darroch Macgillivray, after working hard on the matter from 1942, by the end of 1944 had surmounted all obstacles, had an Act passed and a Grant established for Air Cadets. Then came the end of the war and the withdrawal of the RCAF, without which in those days Air Cadets could not function.

So when the Club adopted the Air Cadet movement and Darroch agreed to take on the organizing a big step had already been made. The Air Cadets and RCAF flew in top man in fast succession from the start of 1949, and not time was lost by the Air Cadet club committee consisting of Darroch Macgillivray, John Ayre, President Fred Blair, Paddy Hally, and Youth Service Committeeman Arthur Johnson and Cyril Horwood. A provisional committee for the whole island was set up and as its chairman Darroch was elected a director of the national league.

Enrollment began during the summer holidays of 1949, during which time six St. John's and three Corner Brook lads were flown to camp in July, and Justin O'Brien of St. John's was sent on exchange visit to the United States. As of March 1950 there were 500 cadets and 6 squadrons (4 in St. John's and squadrons in Corner Brook and Grand Falls). Subsequent progress is wellknown current history.

A worthwhile effort not too wellknown or remembered was the Saturday morning underprivileged Boys Club held during the winter months of 1930 and 1931. This was the depth of the depression, and the youngsters were really finding its effect. The Club was lent the gym and pool facilities of the "Y" at the King George V Seamen's Institute Building on nominal terms, and in April mass hikes were held. It achieved fine results. Some of these boys achieved excellent records later in business and the armed forces, some of their inspiration undoubtedly derived from their two years of training in these Saturday morning classes.

All members took a close interest, both in selecting the boy they nominated, in outfitting him, in personal contact, and in attending in rotation while classes were on. There were two age-groups 10-12 and 13-16. The program consisted of 1½ hours of gym and 1½ hours of swimming.

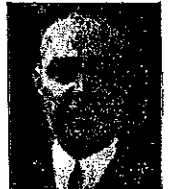
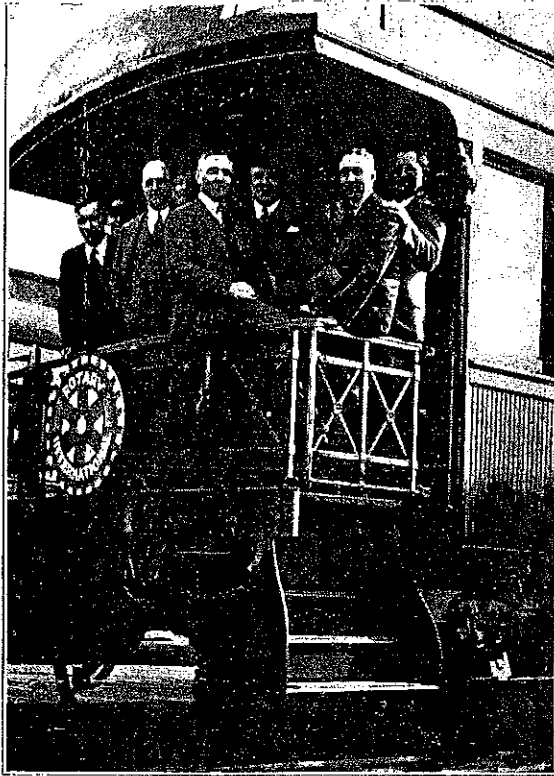
Proof of the good accomplished was shown by two facts: Every boy was able to swim well at the end of each season, and the whole ensemble took part in the "Y" spring "Hippodrome" and made a remarkably fine showing of which every Rotarian was justly proud.

Credits go to every member of the Club, to each of the Groups (all assisted specially), to Darroch Macgillivray who took charge of the swimming instruction for the whole three hours each Saturday, to "Y" Physical Instructor John Cooper (who donated his services and took a great pride in the results) to "Y" Secretary-and-Rotarian Al Smith (who made the scheme possible), and to the Boys Work Committee: Chairman 1930 Arthur Johnson, 1931 Joe Cocker, Dave Baird, Cyril Duley, Jack Harnum, and others, all of whom attended practically every session and originated the plan.

DEPRESSION ACTIVITIES

At Christmas 1931 it was decided to devote the \$2-plus cost of the Boys Club to each member to add boots and rubbers to the family hampers. Also to donate \$100 to the Soup Kitchens which were being set up as the depression grew worse.

It has been said that Rotary was born in a depression (1921) and constantly fought depression throughout the first 15 years of its existence. Certainly its contributions as an organization, as its groups, and as private members were without number. Space does not permit any more than naming a few of these types; but they are all there in detail in the archives: Boys Christmas Dinners (10 years), Underprivileged Children's Picnics (9), Family Hampers (1930 to date), Tidal Wave Disaster Fund (Reuben Horwood at head, Jack Lacey secretary, and other members), Mayor's Relief Fund (Ches Pippy, Buster Brown and others), Service-League Clothing Fund (probably NOMIA, which Rotary helped Lady Allerdycs found, and for which for many years Tim Hartnett and Angus Reid were treasurers should be numbered as a relief measure), the Soup-Kitchens, Penny-a-Week, Charity-Club and many similar relief schemes such as the Garden Plots were all very largely assisted by the rank and file of the club. An outstanding effort was Reuben Horwood's scheme for sending trainloads of poor to cut Wood Fuel for their families and friends. The Charity Bureau with Dave Thistle and others at its head had a history all its own, distributing relief, and eventually being taken over by the Government. The City Clothing fund was another typical move. The Service (clothing) League of Lady Anderson's was discontinued in 1935 and Rotarians were prominent in organizing for her the present Jubilee Guilds. Club members and groups continued throughout particularly to look after the children, and Rotary can be very proud of its collective and consistent efforts throughout the grim hungry cold days of the depression and the years that followed. God grant they never come back! But they were times when Rotary certainly showed its worth, and many of the deeds of kindness so quietly and unostentatiously done during those years of hunger and desperation are still today gratefully remembered by many in this community.



THIS IS THE KENTVILLE CONFERENCE KROWD 1932 (Apologies to the KKK Group)

Newfoundland
Delegation
On rear platform
of the "Newfound-
land Car"(1 to r):
Alf Green (CMR)
Roi Sandall
Buster Brown
Tommy Hallett
Sir John Bennett
Hector Ross
Bob Murphy &
Dave Thistle
ALSO
Will Herder
Clary Hubley
Cyril Daley
Tony Tooton
Jack Lacey
Will Morris
George Williams
Charlie Hunt
AND
Signe Hunt
May Brown &
Muriel Ritcey
(19)

Kentville Station
Group (1 to r)
Alf Green
Bob Murphy
Will Herder
Dave Thistle
Buster Brown
Tony Tooton
Charlie Hunt
Signe Hunt
Tommy Hallett
Roi Sandall
Jack Lacey &
George Williams

Appleblossom Group
Buster Brown
Jack Lacey
Alf Green
Sir John Bennett
Mel Girvan (BMS)
married Goodison,
Carbonear.
Roi Sandall
Tommy Hallett
Tony Tooton

Top Right Corner
Charlie Hunt &
DG George Smith of Saint John
(here twice and a very
good friend of all
Newfoundlanders).
DG George had his daughter,
Margaret with him.
Also on the boat trip to
Charlottetown the
previous year.

Past-Presidents
(It is interesting to note
that the four past presidents
on this page, as it happens,
were at this conference)

Bob Murphy 1931-32
Will Herder 1932-33
Buster Brown 1934-35
Dave Thistle 1935-36

(1933-34 was Vince Burke pictured
before.)

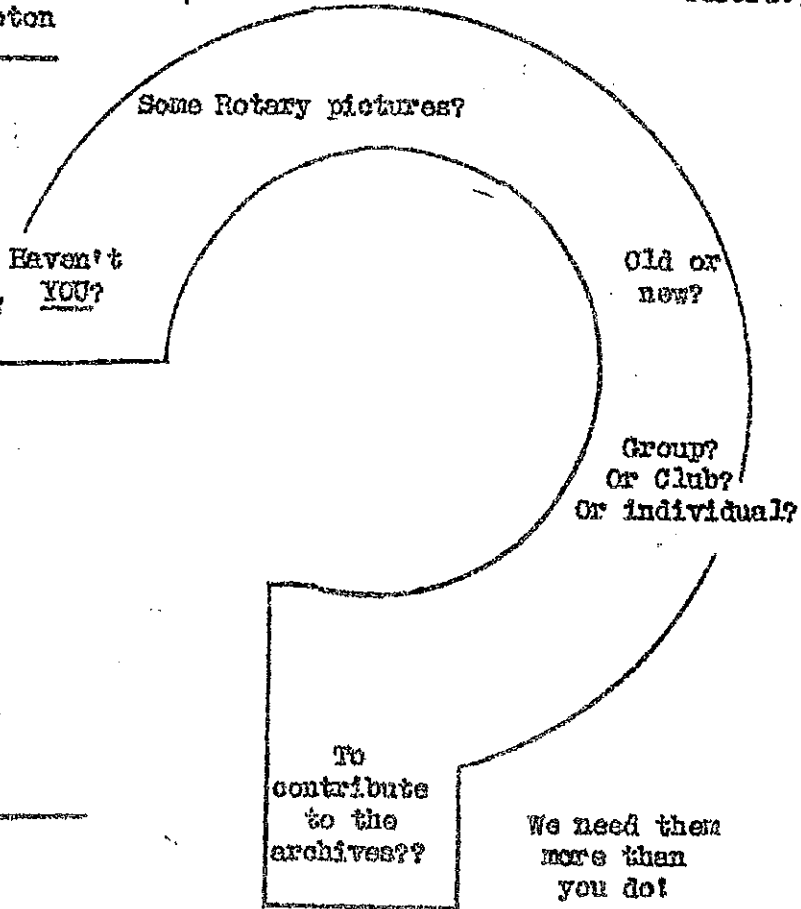
Conference song
composed by Charlie? -
"Jolly Newfoundlanders"
tune of Alouette:

"Yes we are from Newfoundland.
From Kelligrews, Fermeuse,
Renews, Fish & Krewis!

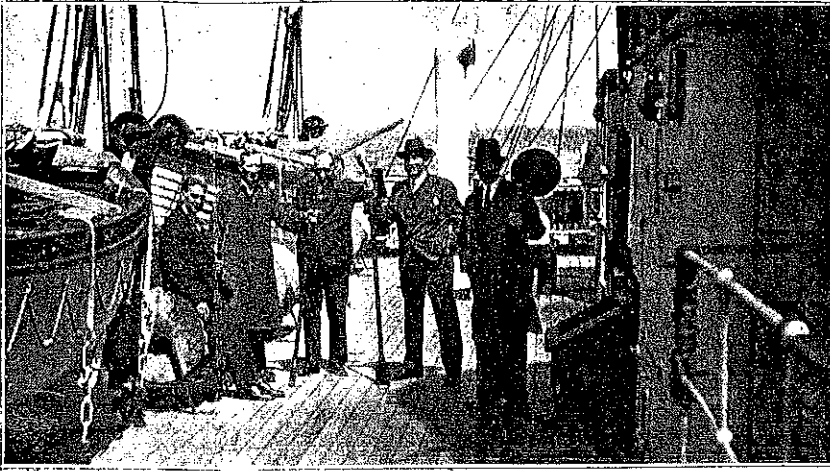
Carbonear	Aquaforte
Jim Ayre	Isle aux Mortes
St. Pierre	Lewisporte
Bennett's Bear	Have a Snort!

Harve le Cou	Random Sound
Lance au Loup	Musgrave Town
Pushthrough	Blow me down
Caribou!	Buster Brown!

Badger's Quay	and to balance:
Fleur de Lys	Ireland's Eye
Heart's Desires	Seldom Come By
R. A. Squires!	Paradise
	Alderdice!"



Club Post-Laureate Jack Lacey
also composed a historical lyric
to the fitting tune of the "Old
Apple Tree" establishing for all
time again the names of those there.



1934 Halifax Conference

Another big delegation: 21.

This conference was Charlie Hunt's.

Charlie Hunt	Buster Brown	George Williams	An excellent example of Darroch Macgillivray's work with which he often lightened the "Spokesman" and other club literature.
Signe Hunt	Tony Tooton	Sir John Bennett	
June Hunt	Will Herder	Tommy Hallett	
Max Barbour	Arch Munn	Thorburn MacNab	
Jack Lacey	Jim Ayre	Dorothy MacNab	
Will Morris	Ernie Fox	Bob Murphy	
Roi Sandall	Dave Thistle	Loretta Murphy (Bartender, as usual, total-abstainer Arch Munn)	

On Shipboard (RMS "Nova Scotia"- some returned by the "Portia") 1 to r:

Thorburn ("T.A.") MacNab, Buster Brown, Roi Sandall, Will Morris, & Max Barbour.
(It is not to be deduced that the rest, because of not being in the picture,
were sick from the sea or allied causes!)

Middle picture shows a section of the 1500 at the 1934 Children's Picnic.

In the foreground are Roi Sandall, George Williams, Tommy Hallett, Buster Brown,
Ian Cowan, Jim Steinhauser, Will Comerford & Sir John Bennett.
Also decipherable in the background are Max Baird, Ern Maunday, Chief Hutchings,
Jim Ayre, Vince Burke, Bob Murphy, Fred Chesman & Loyal Reid.

Bottom left picture

This is a club committee-meeting
(a program committee) held at Jack Maher's
summer home at Mobile. (When they tore up the
tracks on the Southern Shore Branch, Jack
bought Mobile Station.) Back row: Jim Steinhauser,

Vince Burke, Charlie Hunt, Buster Brown & Darroch Macgillivray.

Front row: Rob Ritcey, Reg Spurr (I/Oil), host Jack Maher, Jim Ayre, Will Morris &
Harold Macpherson.

Past-District-Governor
HERB RUSSELL
1946-7
One of the best.

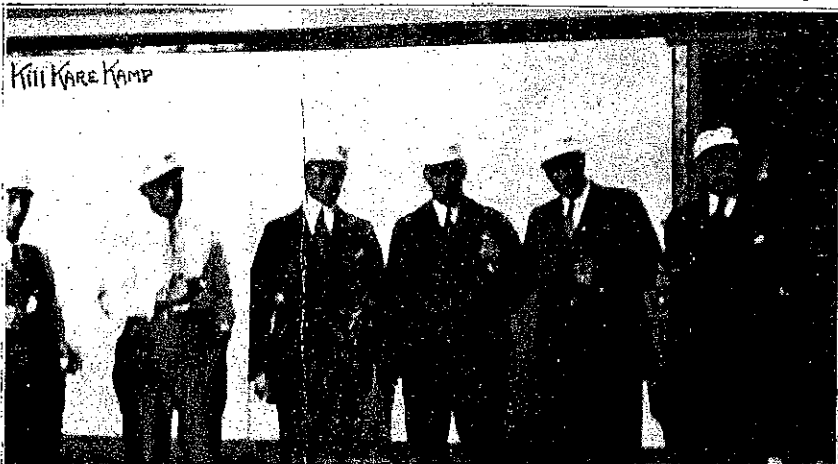
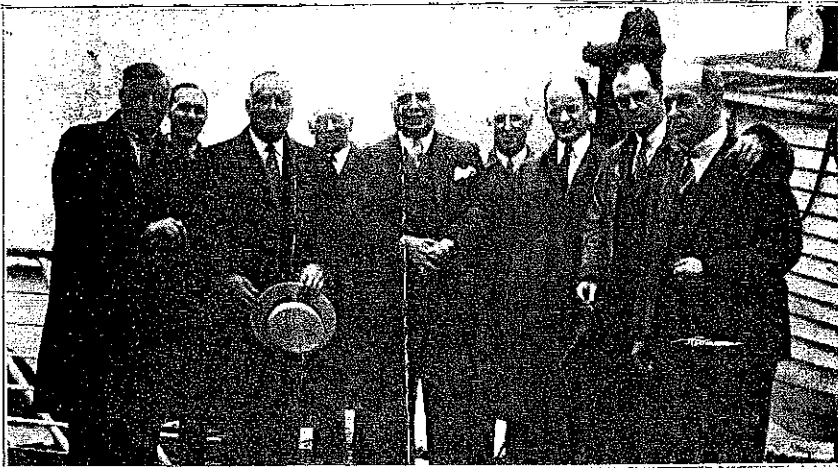
THE 1928 District CONFERENCE here.

Like to take you back again to the highly successful 1928 Conference, June 28-30.
The crowd arrived by the "Nerissa" on Thursday morning, left on return trip on
Saturday at 5. Some came and went by train. Look at the 1928 rates: (and weep for
days that are no more) Halifax return \$54. Moncton rail & boat return \$64.80.
Newfoundland Hotel (opened 1926, Frank Quick manager) Double with running water \$5,
with bath \$8. Meals \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50. Grosbis American/Plan \$3.

Chairman was President Dave Baird, Secretary was Secretary Cyril Duley (both did a
wonderful key-position job). Treasurers Freddy Cornell & Ernest Watson.

There were 76 mainland visitors. Among the names you'd recognize: DG Don Buckley of
Sydney, Incoming DG Professor Wilfred Keirstead of UNB, Charlie Burchell, DG Fred
Sexton of NSTech (governor in 1920 when our club was proposed), Dr. Tom Acker (We
were to work with him later on Crippled Children's Orthopaedic Clinics), Pearl
Soulis (all of Halifax), Ambrose Wheeler of Moncton (Builder, formerly of Outer
Cove), DG Howie Marchie of St. Stephen (he presented us with our gong later),
Arthur Burchell of Sydney, Joe LeDoux of Saint John, and from Truro the McLellans,
Stanfield and Lewis.

Among the entertainers were the St. John's Octet, and Miss Mary Halley, specialty
dance (now Mrs. T. Hal Hawkins). 275 sat down to the banquet, and 209 attended
luncheon. At the time the Club Membership was 68 at June 30, 1928.



This is our second District Conference here, July 4-6, 1935.

Chairman was Cyril Duley who had done such an excellent job as Secretary of the 1928. Secretary was Dave Thistle (meticulous performance), Treasurer Win Williamson (ENS).

Visitors of note were Ray Knoeppel (New York lawyer and RI Director). Ray had his wife and daughter with him. His connection with our Club was right from our start when he wrote us congratulations as President of the New York Club, and we met him often at District Conferences. Then DG Charlie Wood of Windsor, and Incoming DG Percy Turner of Charlottetown, later to be RI Director etc. a good friend of ours.

Speakers were H.E. Governor Sir David Murray Anderson, Mayor Andrew Carnell (who did a wonderful job), welcome from President Buster Brown, DG Charlie Wood, PDG Walter Grant of Charlottetown, Charlie Hunt, Jim Ayre on the Group-System, Charlie Burchell on the amalgamation of districts 32 and 38 to form the new three-country international district of 192 in 1937, Ray Knoeppel as International Representative, Judge McArthur of Sydney, Rev. Ian Fraser of New Glasgow, Dr. Russell Collins of Saint John, Dr. Tom Acker of Halifax, Padre Clarkson of Windsor, Charlie Burchell, and the two District Governors.

Because of the distance and comparative expense it was again a small conference (85 from the mainland) but it was eminently successful. Weather was good throughout (dates were specially set into July - and very wisely so).

The Groups (there were five at the time) played a big part in the conference, and particularly when each took 17 of the guests on a picnic. Groups Captains that year were Originals - Joe Cocker; Bulldozers - Roi Sandall; Montamers - Jim Steinhauer; Kill Kare Krowd - Jim Ayre; and Husky Boys - Chief Hutchings.

Conference-Committee names are also of interest, it soon to be 20 years ago: Sergeant Herb Russell; Music Harry Smith & Ian Cowan; Song Leader Frank Bradshaw; Accomodations Angus Reid; Reception Will Morris; Entertainment Bob Watson (CIL); Publicity Darroch Macgillivray (very attractive conference handbook, etc.); Customs (quite a story about this) Peter Duff and Reuben Horwood; Club President Buster Brown; Transportation Don Clouston; Decorations Ernie MacDonald; Social Room Arch Munn; Ladies Entertainments Jim Ayre; Banquet & Ball Fred Chesman; Picnics Joe Cocker & all groups; Hotels Harry Wyatt; Halls Arthur Johnson; Telephones Bob Murphy; Fellowship Frank O'Leary; Secretary Jack Lacey; Rotary International current Director Charlie Hunt.

Memorable conclusion to the conference was the moonlight leaving of the "Fort St. George" of Saturday night. St. John's Rotarians had re-discovered that they could really sing at this conference, and the singing from the wharf and from the ship as she pulled out into the harbour, will be long remembered by all who took part.

<p><u>Welcoming Ray Knoeppel</u> Mayor Carnell, Bill Watson, Ray Knoeppel, Will Morris, Sir John Bennett, Jim Ayre, Charlie Hunt, Cyril Duley & Arch Munn.</p> <p>SS "Fort St. George".</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Reuben Horwood President 1936-7</td> <td>Ernest Watson Acting-Pres. 1936-7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Darroch Macg. President 1937-8</td> <td>Max Barbour President 1938-9</td> </tr> </table>	Reuben Horwood President 1936-7	Ernest Watson Acting-Pres. 1936-7	Darroch Macg. President 1937-8	Max Barbour President 1938-9
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<p><u>Historic original Kamp Kill Kare</u> Buster Brown, Dave Thistle, Charlie Hunt, Jim Ayre, Cyril Duley & Frank Bradshaw.</p> <p>Tor's Cove.</p>	<p>Dave Thistle Secretary 1935 District Conference</p>				

As we start the 1954-55 concert season with the Dublin Festival Singers, it is timely to look back on the past seven years of cultural concerts sponsored by the Club. We are again taking advantage of a world-famous group's travelling across the Atlantic to stop them off in Newfoundland and thereby open here their North American tour. Last time it was the Boyd Neel Orchestra, this year the Dublin Singers.

Back in 1946 it was an unique situation when two of the groups, the Bulldozers and Liontamers, (unknowingly to each other), were working on the idea of bringing in famous concert artists with the double aim of providing good music and incidentally raising funds for their community-service works. Also that, at the same time, Community Concerts decided they could extend to Newfoundland and were starting an association at Corner Brook.

Community Concerts representative, Albert F. Robinson, arrived in town from Corner Brook, contacted the Bulldozers, and in short order the Club sponsored the movement on an entirely profit-free basis, and opened a campaign. Committee was John Ayre, Fred Blair, Paddy Halley, Arthur Johnson, Darroch Macgillivray, Dick Steele, Herb Wyatt, and Fred Mylie. Dick Steele later moved to Barrie, and Paddy Halley was relieved of duty in his presidential year, otherwise the remaining six have served ever since at the urging of Community Concerts. They have been joined on the Executive by Miss Mary Skinner and Mr. Stuart Godfrey from outside the Club.

The objective of the 1946 campaign was 800 members; but inside a few days 2,500 persons enrolled, and membership through the years, depending on circumstances, has usually ranged from 1,400 to 1,800, and the series from three to five artists a season. The locations have been St. Patrick's Auditorium, the Cornwall Theatre, Pitts Memorial Hall, and now again St. Patrick's because of overflow membership.

The community has been richer by the appearance of top flight artists in person, and for the record the following is the list:

Dorothy Maynor sang at the inauguration of President Eisenhower.
 William Primrose played at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth.
 George London is the star of the Metropolitan Opera and television.
 Boyd Neel is principal of Toronto Conservatory and the Hart House Orchestra.

Others are also at the very top of their profession:-

Jean Watson, alto, 1946-47
 Arthur Kent, baritone
 Joanna & Nikolai Graudan, piano & cello.

Carolyn Long, soprano, 1947-48
 Sanroma, piano
 Paul Makovsky, violin
 William Primrose, viola
 Bel Canto Trio, (George London & Frances Yeend came; Mario Lanza ill with throat trouble)

David Lloyd, tenor, 1948-49
 Bartlett & Robinson, duo piano
 Anna Kaskas, contralto
 Revellers quartet

Eugene Istomin, violin, 1949-50
 Edna Phillips, soprano
 Samuel Sorin & James Delafuentes, piano & violin
 Columbia operatic trio
 Oscar Natzka, bass-baritone

Ossy Renardy, violin, 1950-51
 Vivien Della Chiesa, soprano
 Alice Howland, mezzo
 Loewenguth String Quartet
 with Marissa Regules, piano

Dorothy Maynor, contralto, 1951-52
 Sascha Gorodnitzki, piano
 Rey & Gomez, Basque dancers

Boyd Neel Orchestra, 1952-53
 The Graudans, repeat
 Walter Cassell, baritone

Herman Godes, piano, 1953-54
 Szymon Goldberg, violin
 Men of Song, quartet

Dublin Festival Singers, now
 Igor Gorin, baritone, March 22
 Carol Glem, violin, April 25

Certainly in all a great contribution to cultural enjoyment for the community.

We are now in our tenth season of fostering the training in public-speaking of boys and girls in Grades 9, 10, and 11.

It began in our Jubilee Year of 1946 as one of the projects of the Bulldozers Group which was in that year (and since) the Club's Youth-Service Committee. The start was the observance of annual "Education Week" by having four students speak before the Club on four aspects of education. In 1946 four boys had five minutes each. The following year two boys and two girls were the speakers. In 1948 it was four girls. In 1949 the actual contests began as intramural activities, and prizes were donated by the Group to the champions of each of the schools which adopted the programme.

In 1950 the first public championships took place. These are an expansion of the Quebec Provincial System which is operated so successfully by the Montreal Rotary Club. We added a city championship for girls in 1952.

Winners have been:

- 1950 Boys - Graham Wilansky of Bishop Feild College
- 1951 Boys - Donald Wiseman of Salvation Army College
(son of (then) Rotarian Brigadier Clarence Wiseman)
- 1952 Boys - Roland Thornhill of Prince of Wales College
- Girls - Frances Martin of Curtis Academy

- 1953 Boys - Donald Morrison of Salvation Army College
- Girls - Violet Cack of St. Michael's School

- 1954 Boys - George Caines of Corner Brook Public School
- Girls - Amelia Granter of Salvation Army College

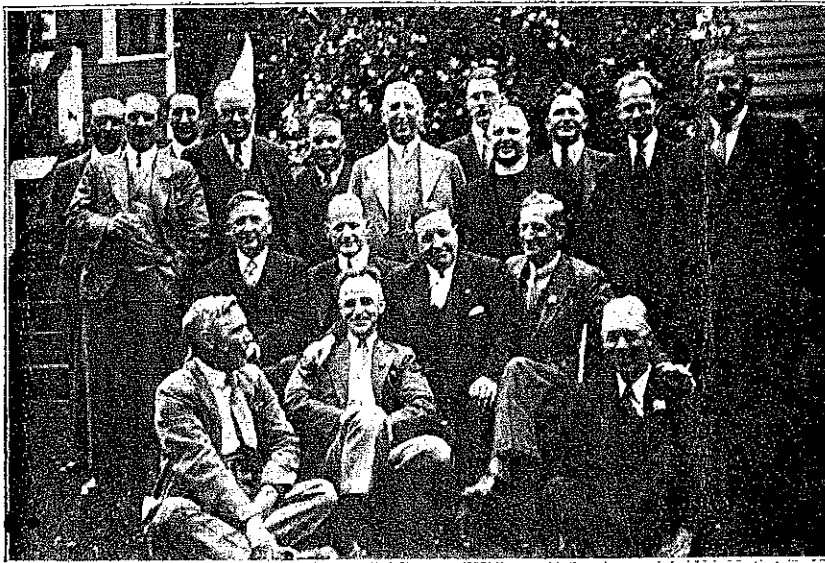
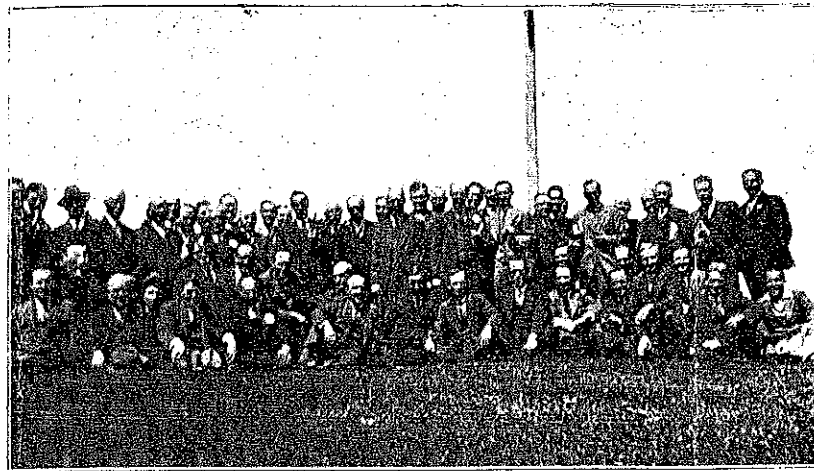
Prizes are awarded by the Group to all champions taking part in the finals. Two perpetual shields for the two contests (the Boys All-Newfoundland and the St. John's Girls) are presented by the Club. In addition, with the cooperation of the Ottawa Rotary Club, our All-Newfoundland Champion Boy attends "Citizenship Week" at Ottawa. This has been possible starting with 1952, and Roland, Donald, and George have been very worthy representatives. Coming from the easternmost province the Newfoundland student plays quite a part in the proceedings.

1954 saw our first contestant from outside St. John's, and it was also a milestone in the expanding of public-speaking that he was so outstanding as to win the All-Newfoundland Championship and to acquit himself notably at Ottawa.

A large number of schools all over the country are running their own programmes and contests. Several Service Clubs are holding interschool contests. The Western division last year declared and entered champion George Caines, and others will gradually join in. The movement is showing excellent results, and incidentally has provided the Club each spring with two very enjoyable programmes.

SPOTLIGHT RADIO BROADCASTS

Unique in Rotary and probably elsewhere is it for an organization to set up a systematic programme in which it praises others. Yet this is what has been going on in St. John's since the Club began its "Spotlight Broadcasts" in 1950-51. Once a week for some 30 weeks each season Rotary directs the spotlight of public attention on some worthwhile organization's activities by sponsoring a ten-minute talk by one of its spokesmen who talks interestingly about its work. The initial programmes were arranged by Jack Angel and Arthur Johnson. In the four subsequent seasons Jimmy MacIntyre has been in charge and faithfully turned in an outstanding selection and standard.



Founder
FRED BOND

Top Middle Picture

"SENATOR" MILLEY

HARRY COWAN

Club Luncheon at Smithville June 27, 1935
(We lunched there for a special pre-

TIM HARTNREIT

CHARLIE HUNT

conference meeting. (On June 20
Lord Baden Powell addressed the Club)).

BERTIE GARDNER

CHARLIE HUNT

Middle Picture

ANGUS REID

DAVE BAIRD

DG Charlie Wood of Windsor at Brigus Aug/35.

SIR JOHN BENNETT

WILL MORRIS

BACK: Ern Clouston, Jimmy Knight, Max Barbour,
Chief Hutchings, Gus Lester, Jim Ayre, Harry
(Music) Smith, Rev. Sam Kelly (Visiting Rotarian),
Jim Steinbauer, Loyal Reid, and Tony Tooton.
MIDDLE: Vince Burke, Charlie Hunt, DG Charlie Wood, and Buster Brown.
FRONT: Tommy Hallett, Jack Lacey, and Peter Duff (& Will Morris at camera).

WILL COMERTFORD

Bottom Picture

Bulldozing the first sod at the Sunshine Camp July 8/36

BACK: Present Rotarian Fred Thistle, Beatrice Thistle, Mrs (Commissioner) Lodge,
Peter O'Mara, Edna Pippy, Dave Thistle, and Joe Cocker.

FRONT: Chief Hutchings, Roi Sendall, Mrs (Rev) Nichol, Sir John Bennett, Ches
Pippy (on seat of Bulldozer), Hon. Thomas Lodge, Cyril Duley, Buster Brown,
George Williams and workman. CENTRE FRONT in light suit Rev. Nichol.

VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES

The introduction of the Victorian Order of Nurses to do visiting nursing was provided for in Jack Angel's year, and culminated in Frank O'Leary's.

Much of the preliminary work fell on the shoulders of first chairman and president Edgar House. Funds for the foundation including purchase of the first car for the nurse came from the surplus funds (above Sunshine Camp running expenses) of the highly successful Radio Auction of 1952, plus a drive organized by the Club.

Operations began in September 1952 with one nurse, Miss Catharine Maddaford.

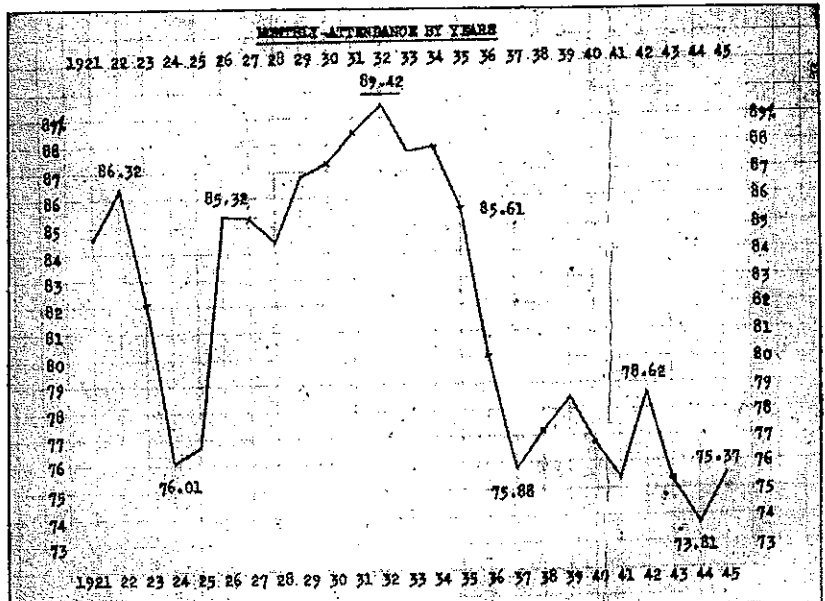
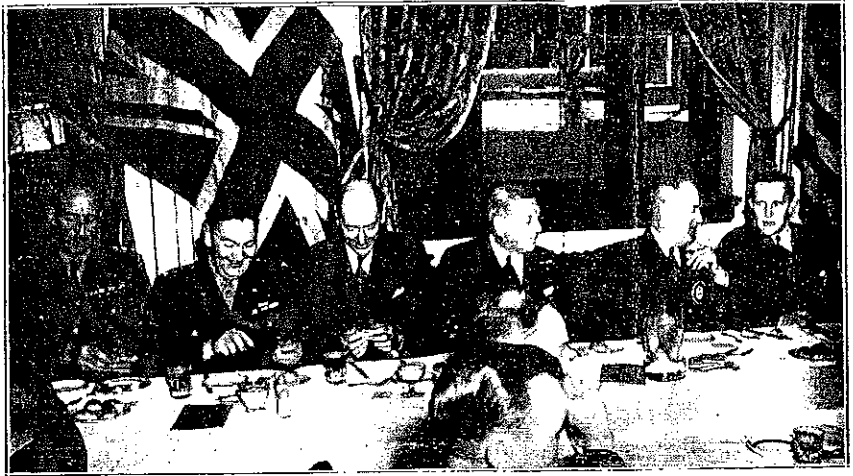
The nursing service was doubled in 1953, and beside helping with subsequent financial drives the Club contributed the second car out of the 1953 radio auction.

Hugh Cole succeeded Edgar House as president in 1954 and is displaying all the energy that we have come to expect from him in the many Rotary jobs to which he lays his hand.

WON also operates a large nursing service at Corner Brook, and with the fine results shown there and at St. John's it can soon be expected to spread to other Newfoundland centres. It has full support from the profession, the department of health, and the public in its home visits at low, nominal or free cost, and fills a great need.

MEMORY MEANDERINGS : Do you seniors remember? :

1. The part taken by the Club and Members in Town Planning, Motor Association, Highroads, Safety League, Tidal Wave Disaster, Trawler "Doux Fremaire" food gift?
2. Children's Hospital, Crippled Children Clinic (Tom Acker), CWA Nurses transportation, Social Service Council, Boy Scout Troop, Royal Visit Seats for Aged, etc.
3. Backyard Cleanup, Garden Survey, Titania's Palace, School Magazine Contests, Wheel-chairs, Harbor Grace Jail visits, Toys fund, and many others. (By Telegram)
4. Do you remember all the funds in which members joined like the Lucy Harris fund?
5. For instance the Club has been laying a memorial wreath on July 1 since 1924.
Many such minor bits of service cannot be recorded in a concise history.



VICTORY LUNCHEON MAY 10/45
WEST SECTION OF HEAD TABLE

Walter Rendell (Col.), Col. Warren US, Scott Macdonald, Commodore Taylor RCN, Gov. Sir Humphrey Walwyn, President Gordon Higgins. Also at Head Table and not in photograph were General Ganong, Canadian Army; Air Commodore Wait RCAF, Lt. Col. Howell RNBregt. The Canadian Naval Orchestra were present (and rendered, beside the "Star Spangled Banner", the anthem of our then great ally of the Big Three, RUSSIA). Present for the great and memorable luncheon were all the consuls of the United Nations. There was a very large attendance.

THE HEAD GUTS

TOP 2: "Senator" Milley and Ray Knoeppel, RI Director of New York, and great friend.
ACROSS: Herb Russell, Jim Ewing, Gordon Higgins, Ron Ayre, Jack Lacey, Boyd Baird, Gordon Lynch, and Herb Wyatt.
BOTTOM 2: Jimmy MacIntyre and Billy Allan.

ATTENDANCE CHART

Graph continues after this: '46 83.59 '48 82.86 '50 79.94 '52 76.75
'47 82.53 '49 82.80 '51 80.11 '53 80.05

High attendance figures are reached whenever the Group contest is taken seriously and the Groups rally their delinquents. Rotary is at its best only when all-hands get-together. RI directs that constant attention be drawn to the need of attending.

THE BOYS HOME AND TRAINING SCHOOL

In the fall of 1945, the Bulldozers as a Group interested themselves in the Home for delinquent boys, which was then in the previous Rangers Barracks at Whitbourne, and needed public notice and encouragement. A few days afterwards the building was destroyed by incendiarism, the boys were moved to the dilapidated army barracks at Bell Island which were entirely unsuitable.

The situation was brought to the whole club (with the Bulldozers acting as the Youth Service Committee) by Vernon Macdam (member of the Montreal Club and manager of Waredale Boys Home and Shawbridge Boys Farm) being invited here. Vernon arrived January 21, 1946, and made a complete survey on behalf of the Club and the Government. He has been a good friend and counsellor ever since.

Several years of constant prodding and negotiating followed. First gain was the achievement of having the Commission of Government (in its dying year) purchase the beautiful Bond Grange Property. Dr. Fraser Bond and Harold Macpherson were found very cooperative in arranging a very attractive price. Then in the seventh year Government was finally ready to erect the fine modern concrete building which was opened in 1953.

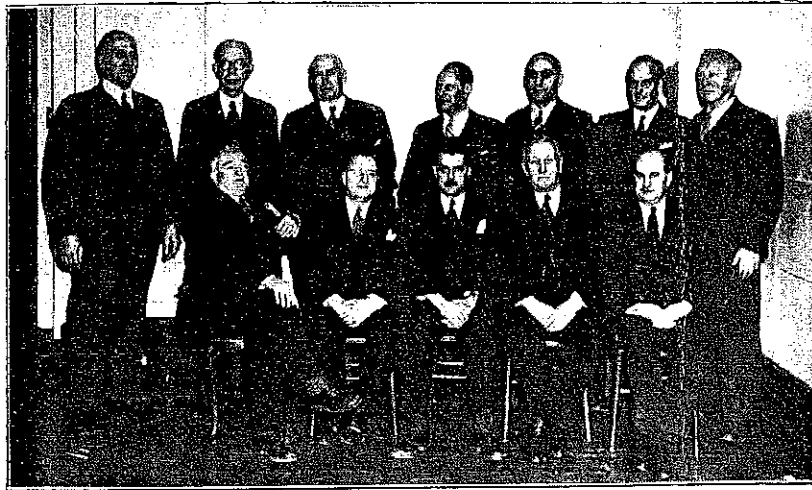
The Group (as the Club's Youth Committee) has now handed over care to the Service Club which is on the spot, the Whitbourne Kiwanis; but it is the fact that without the seven years of unrelenting interest, work, and pressure, the Home would not be there today, and its results would be missing from the work done with delinquent boys.

OMISSION - COMMUNITY CONCERTS

Sheet 42

In re-typing, a line was unfortunately skipped.

This read: Treasurerships were held by Harry Duston 1949-1952
and by Ches Handrigan 1952 to date.



- GROUP #1 - THE ORIGINALS
1946
Bob Murphy, Peter Duff, Herb Russell, Harry Wyatt and Jim Crawford in the Back. Front Tony Tooton, Charlie Hunt, Joe Cocker, and Frank O'Leary. Absent Harry Howlett.
- GROUP #2 - THE BULLDOZERS
1946
Rob Ritcey, Bob Leith, Will Morris, Ron Ayre, Fred Wylie, Boyd Baird and Harold Macpherson in back. Front Peter O'Mara, Arthur Johnson, Cyril Horwood, George Williams and Herb Wyatt. Absent Harry Thomson, Claude Noonan and Jimmy Collins. Hugh Cole added Feb/47.
- GROUP #3 - THE LIONTAMERS
Jack Lacey, Ern Maunder, Jim Steinhauer, Joe Anderson, George Nightingale, Paddy Halley, Joe Dewling and Jack Harnum. Seated Ray Manning, Tommy Tomlinson, Cal Pratt, Arch Munn and Mac McCarter. Absent Frank Hogan, Fred Blair (then also Captain of the Caribou -see next sheet), and Doug Gosse. George Shaw incoming.
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JUBILEE STUDENT LOAN FUND

The idea of the Student Loan Fund originated with Paddy Halley, proposed as a fitting effort in token of gratitude for 25th. successive year for the St. John's Rotary Club since its founding in 1921. It was wholeheartedly embraced by the whole Club, and in the same spirit backed immediately financially by the Groups.

On October 28, 1946, President Ron Ayre, Past-President Paddy Halley, and Director Arthur Johnson, accompanied by Deputy-Minister of Education, Alain Frecker, called on Dr. Albert Hatcher, President of Memorial University College, for the purpose of discussing the best method of setting up some education fund to mark our Jubilee.

Dr. Hatcher recommended a permanent revolving student loan fund to help worthy students at Memorial College to complete their courses there and abroad. This was unanimously accepted, and the College agreed to administer the Fund.

\$2,812.56 was immediately subscribed (largely by the Groups and some firms of its members, Canada Packers Ltd. being specially generous donors to date). Since then the Groups and the Club have been "rounding out" the figures as need indicated. The fund was made \$3,000 in June 1948, and has gradually increased through Group contributions (some of the Groups being steady large contributors) till some \$6,650 was reached at June 1954.

The Loan Fund is doing excellent work, and is well used. Loans have been quickly repaid, so that it has been revolving at a very satisfactory rate. Because of it a large number of students have been able to complete their education. Most of them have returned to Newfoundland, and are filling positions of considerable responsibility in the community.

The Fund has been a very worthwhile effort, and is possibly one of the best efforts of the Club along education lines in Youth Service.

It is very akin to the great sentiment expressed in the Rotary Foundation Fund, to which we all subscribe 100% as a Club International Service. To support both so wholeheartedly is a credit to the Club.



GROUP # 4 - THE KILL/KARE/KROWD

Low Strange, Ernie Macdonald, Ray Gushue, Ormy Omiston, George Janes, Fred Chesman, Buster Brown, Harry Powell. Seated Jack O'Driscoll, Jim Ewing, Ernie Clouston, Ernie Fox and Dave Thistle. Absent Tommy Hallett (Tommy got into the Caribou Herd somehow, see below), Max Barbour (transferred Aug./46), replaced by Fred Martin May/47.

GROUP # 5 - THE HUSKY BOYS

Charlie Roberts, Jimmy Laws, Archie Paterson, Gordon Lynch, Gordon Higgins and Darroch Macgillivray. Seated Jimmy MacIntyre, Wallace Goobie, Charlie Loughlin, Jim Herder and Billy Allan. Absent Cyril Duley, Will Comerford, Hazen Russell, Walter Rendell (transferred to London June/46), Rod Roddis, Edgar Hickman, Geoff Carnell, with Gordon Winter and Charlie Bell added later in the year.

GROUP # 6 - THE CARIBOU

Tommy Hallett (KKK), Jack Cheeseman, Forbes Roberts, Mac McCarthy, Bill Galgay, Len Earle, Jimmy Alderdice, Bubs Britton, and Jack Angel. Seated John Ayre, Doug Myers, Fred Blair (also a Liantamer), John Morais and Arthur Templeton. Absent Charlie Innes and Harry Roberts.

UNATTACHED and not photographed were Angus Reid, Allan Fraser, Clarence Wiseman, Scott Macdonald and David Lang.

C O N C L U S I O N

This sheet marks the end of the history of the Club's major activities, and the pictorials. Of necessity they have been hurried compilations, but they have represented an attempt to document the past before it slips too far behind.

No attempt has been made to publish the 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ presidential years. These chronicles are in good documentary shape. The groundwork was laid by Charlie Hunt's history, and new material can now considerably expand that excellent work, but, it is a monumental task.

Other pictures are now in the files for reproduction in the future.

Because of the fact that this series of historical notes will probably be regarded as the foundation for any future effort in these directions, it would be wise to have any errors and omissions picked up right away. Your help will be appreciated.